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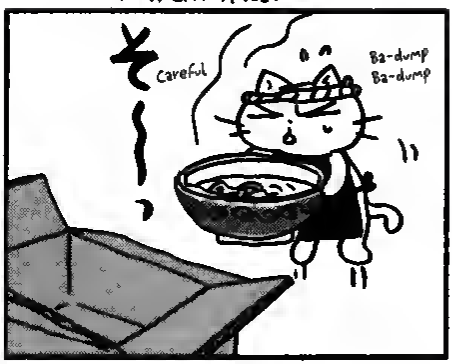

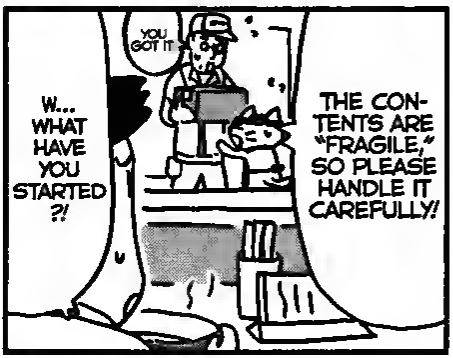

Flip the Page to See a Small Surprise!

Tanaka-san's Free Lunch

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Chapter 10

Fine Tuning

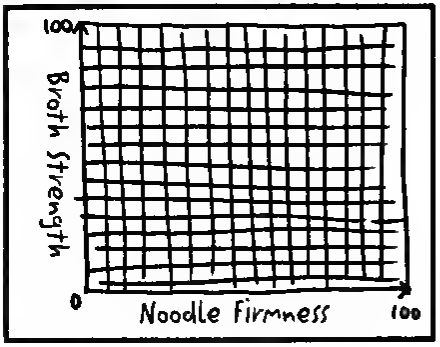
Choose the firmness of your noodles and the potency of your broth.

Don't be shy. — Management

WAIT JUST A MOMENT ...

Rustle Rustle

OKAY THEN, I'LL HAVE FIRM NOODLES AND A LIGHTER BROTH.



USING THAT?!

Approximately where would it be?!

CAN YOU SHOW ME WHAT YOU WANT USING THIS CHART?

Natural

ガラッ

Opens

WELCOME!

HUH?! THESE ARE MY GLASSES! WHAT DO YOU THINK?! DO YOU LIKE THEM?!

ACK!! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR EYES?!

IF ANYTHING... THEY LOOK OUT OF CHARACTER ...?

UHHH, THAT'S KINDA BESIDES THE POINT...

YOU WEAR CONTACTS ?!

Thanks!

I SEE!! I GUESS MY USUAL CONTACTS ARE MORE NATURAL AFTER ALL!

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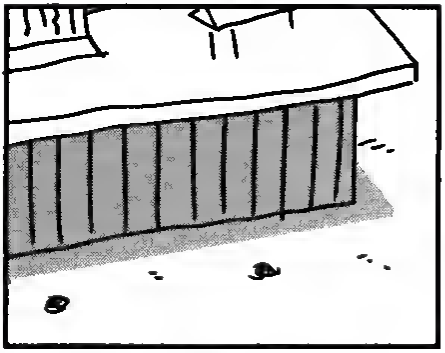

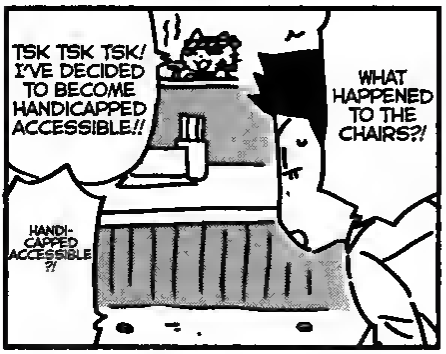

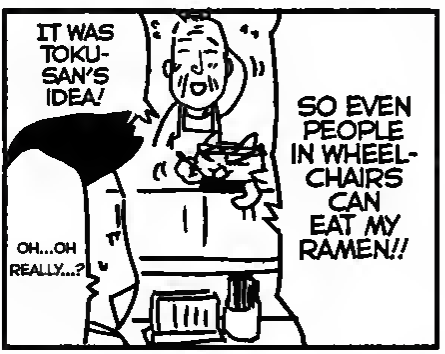

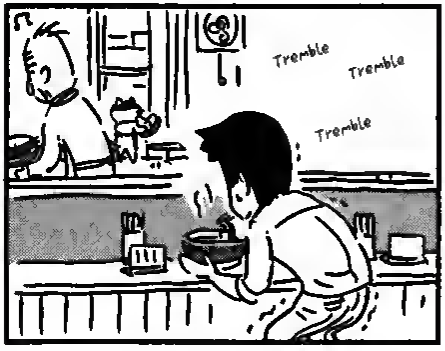

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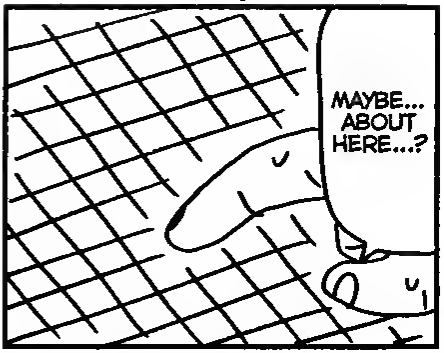

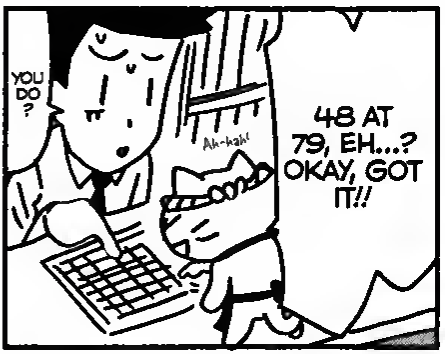

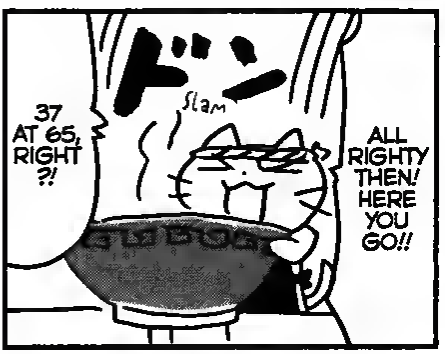

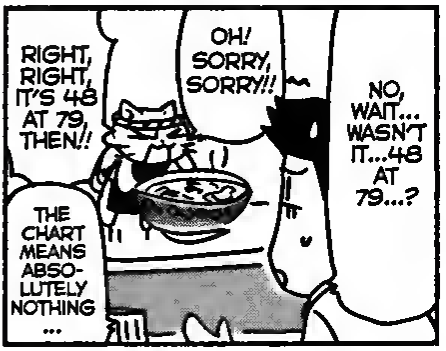

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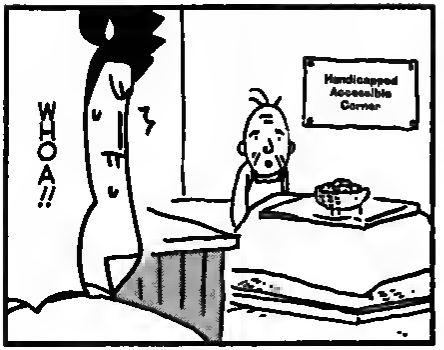

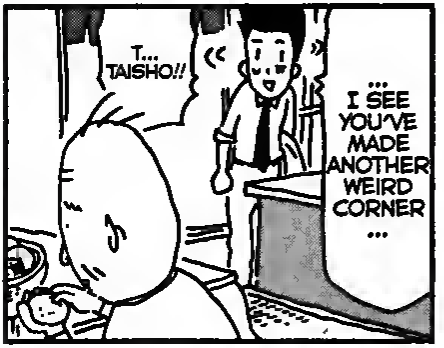

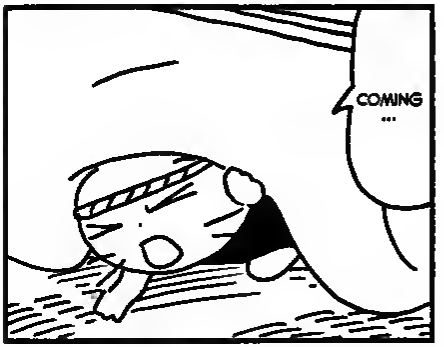

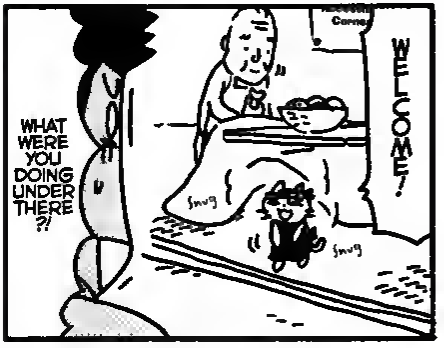

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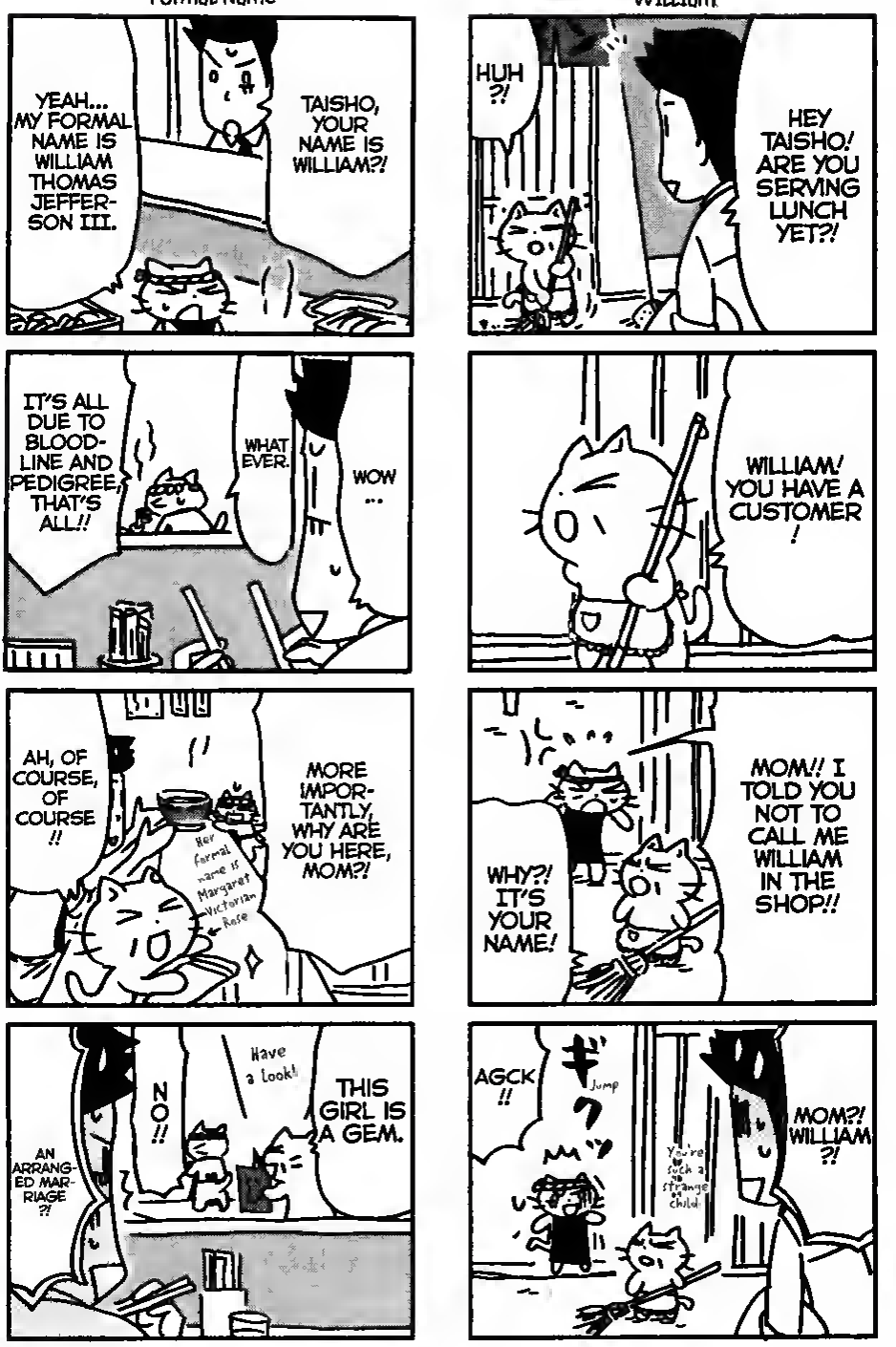
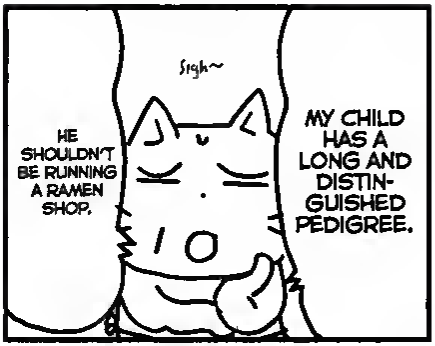
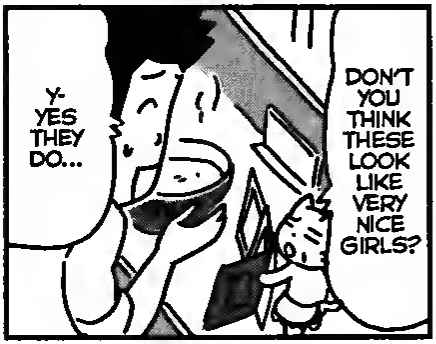
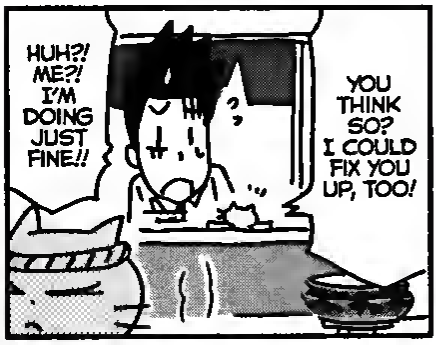
Image
Mascot
Snatch
GIVE IT HERE!
THIS ISN'T THE IMAGE I'M LOOKING FOR...
BEATS ME...
I WANT TO CREATE A MASCOT FOR THE SHOP, BUT I'M NOT SURE HOW TO GO ABOUT IT.
Mutter Mutter
WITH A BEARD LIKE THIS AND FLAMES BEHIND HIM...
HE NEEDS TO HAVE MORE OF A STRONG-WILLED, BLUE-COLLAR FEEL...
ME?!
Huh?!
I'LL EVEN PAY YOU!!
HEY, WHY DON'T YOU DRAW IT!
LIKE THIS!
TAISHO, YOU SUCK TOO!!!
... SORRY.
WOW, YOU SUCK AT DRAW-ING.


Formal Name
William
YEAH... MY FORMAL NAME IS WILLIAM THOMAS JEFFERSON III.
TAISHO, YOUR NAME IS WILLIAM?!
HUH ?!
HEY TAISHO! ARE YOU SERVING LUNCH YET?!
IT'S ALL DUE TO BLOODLINE AND PEDIGREE, THAT'S ALL!!
WHATEVER.
WOW ...
WILLIAM! YOU HAVE A CUSTOMER!
AH, OF COURSE, OF COURSE !!
Her formal name is Margaret Victoria Rose
MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHY ARE YOU HERE, MOM?!
WHY?! IT'S YOUR NAME!
MOM!! I TOLD YOU NOT TO CALL ME WILLIAM IN THE SHOP!!
AN ARRANGED MARRIAGE ?!
NO!!
Have a look!
THIS GIRL IS A GEM.
AGCK !!
ギク
Jump
You're such a strange child!
MOM?! WILLIAM ?!

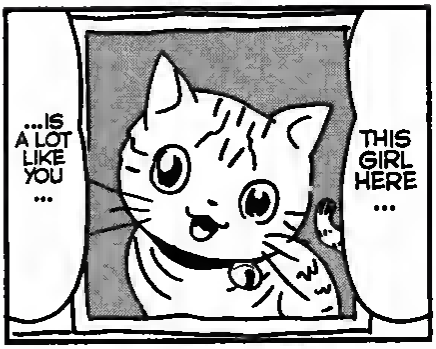
A Mother's Worries

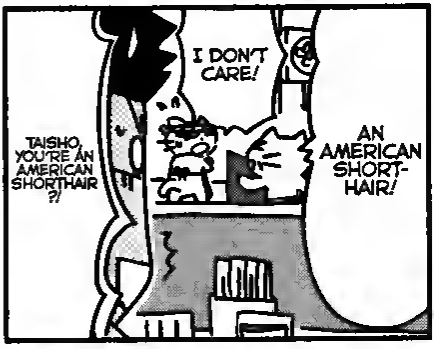


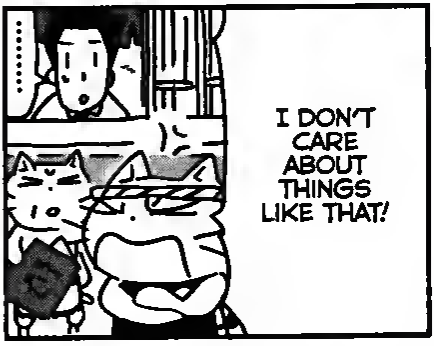


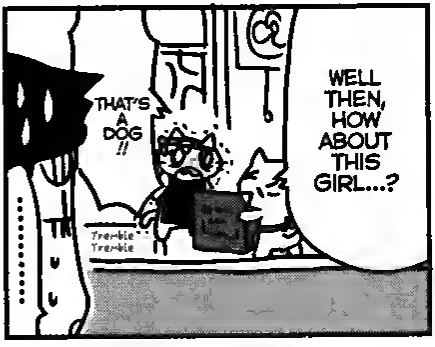


Just Your Type

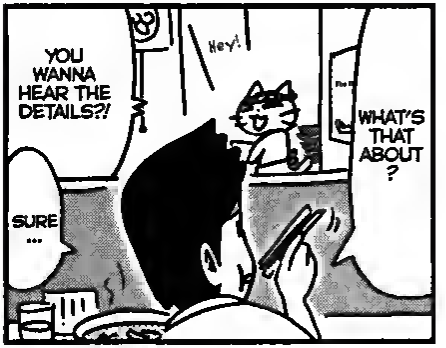


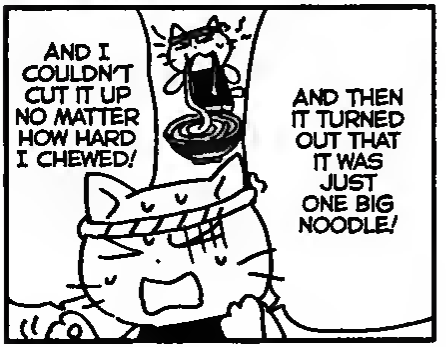


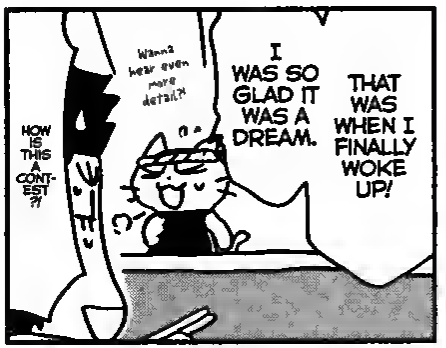




Not Goro
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?!!
Goro
THAT'S DEFINI-TELY NOT GORO!!
Loose pets
HUH ?
OH! GORO'S BACK!
Meeeow~
AAH !!
WELL, HIS COLORING IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE PICTURE!!
IT'S TOTALLY FINE!
YEP!
I'M SURPRISED THAT HE DOESN'T RUN OFF!!
YOU LET GORO RUN LOOSE OUTSIDE?!
Creep Creep
Goro
IT... IT'S GORO ...
Nibble Nibble
Goro
Meeeow~
WHAT DO I DO?!
Nibble Nibble
Goro
HE'S NOT GORO EITHER ...
WAIT, THAT'S NOT GORO!
Nibble Nibble
HE ALWAYS COMES BACK WHEN HE GETS HUNGRY!







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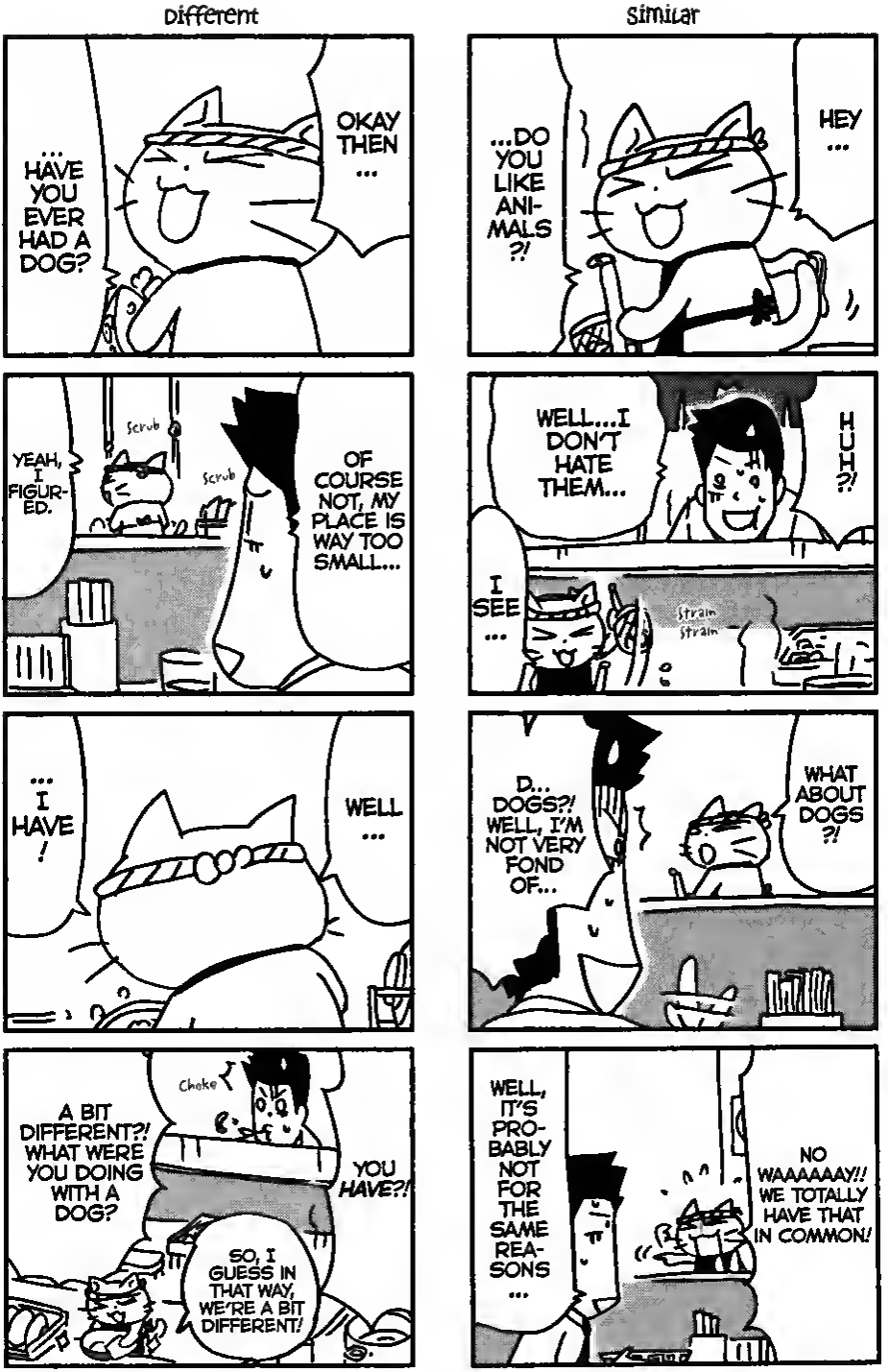

Different
Similar
...HAVE YOU EVER HAD A DOG?
OKAY THEN ...
...DO YOU LIKE ANI-MALS ?!
HEY ...
YEAH, I FIGUR-ED.
Scrub
Scrub
OF COURSE NOT, MY PLACE IS WAY TOO SMALL...
WELL...I DON'T HATE THEM...
HUH?!
I SEE ...
Strain
Strain
...I HAVE !
WELL ...
D... DOGS?! WELL, I'M NOT VERY FOND OF...
WHAT ABOUT DOGS ?!
A BIT DIFFERENT?! WHAT WERE YOU DOING WITH A DOG?
Choke
YOU HAVE?!
SO, I GUESS IN THAT WAY, WE'RE A BIT DIFFERENT!
WELL, IT'S PRO-BABLY NOT FOR THE SAME REA-SONS ...
NO WAAAAAAY!! WE TOTALLY HAVE THAT IN COMMON!

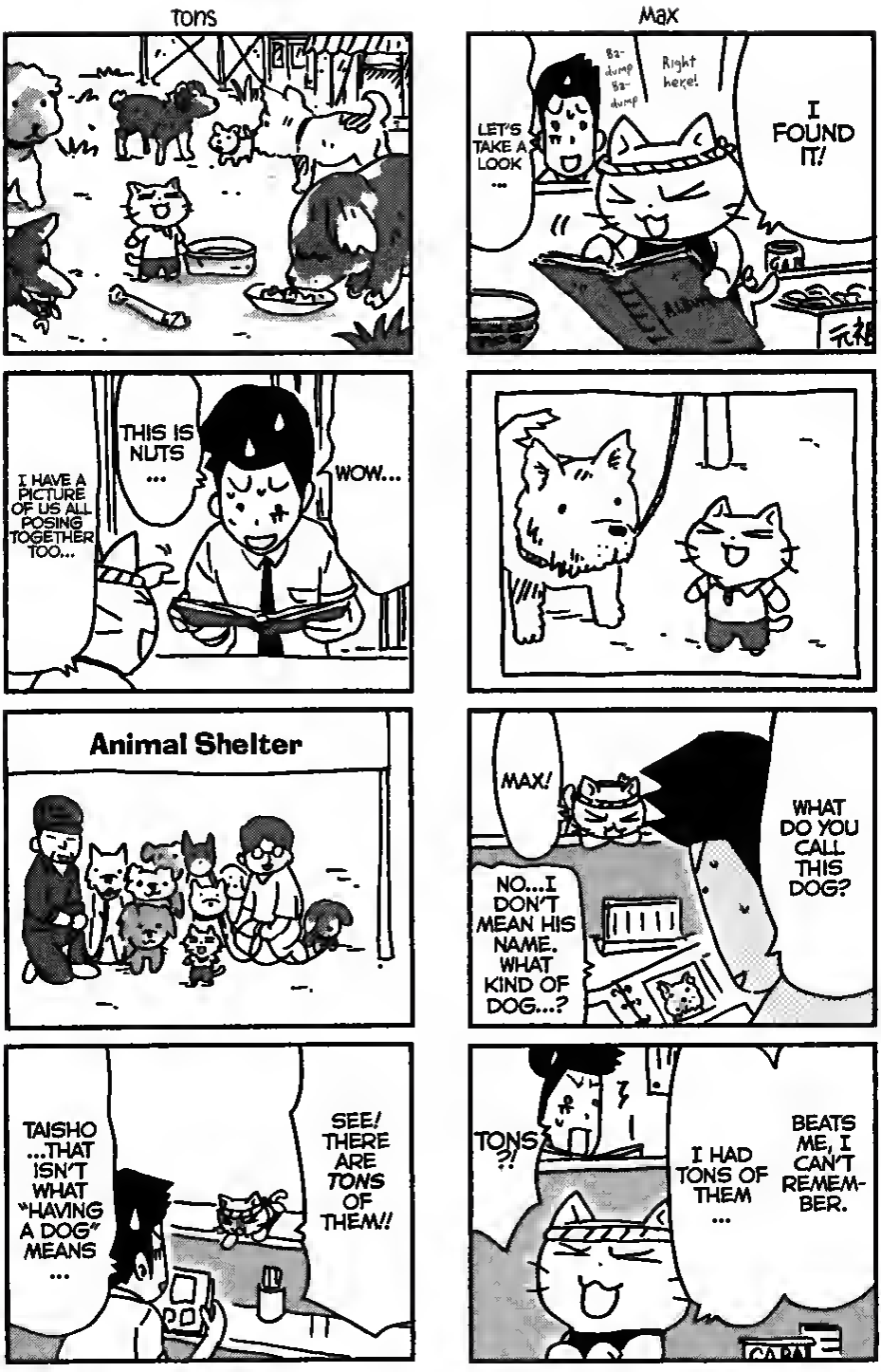
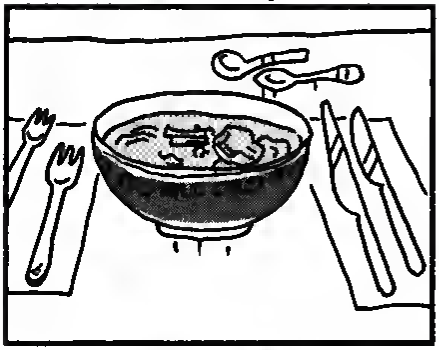
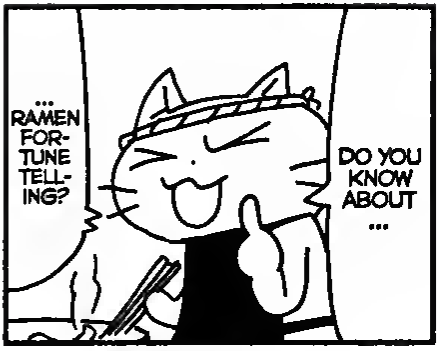
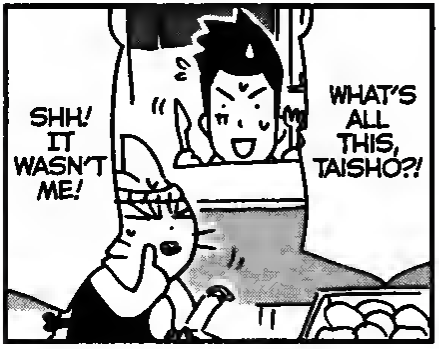

Tons
Max
LET'S TAKE A LOOK ...
Ba-dump Ba-dump
Right here!
I FOUND IT!
I HAVE A PICTURE OF US ALL POSING TOGETHER TOO...
THIS IS NUTS ...
WOW...
Animal Shelter
MAX!
NO...I DON'T MEAN HIS NAME. WHAT KIND OF DOG...?
WHAT DO YOU CALL THIS DOG?
TAISHO ...THAT ISN'T WHAT "HAVING A DOG" MEANS ...
SEE! THERE ARE TONS OF THEM!!
TONS?!
I HAD TONS OF THEM ...
BEATS ME, I CAN'T REMEMBER.

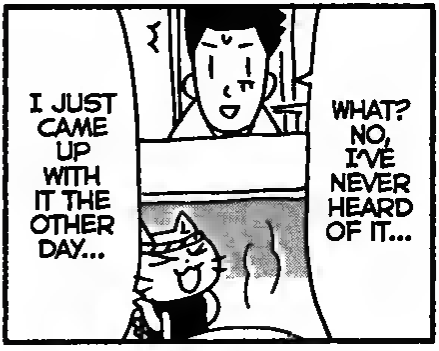
Table Setting

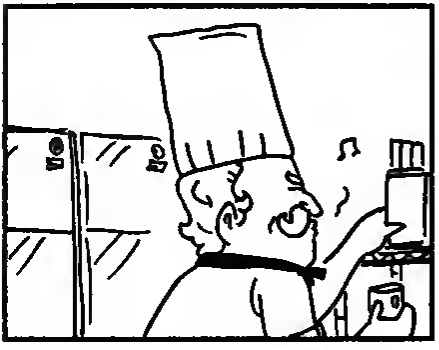


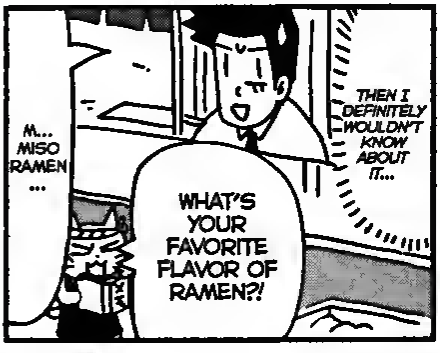
Ramen Fortune Telling

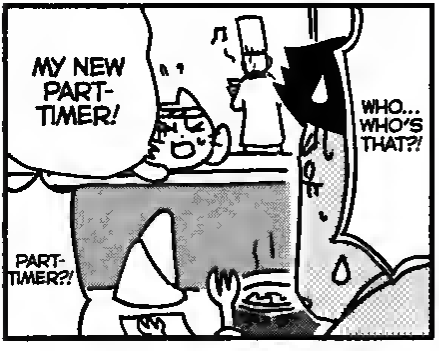


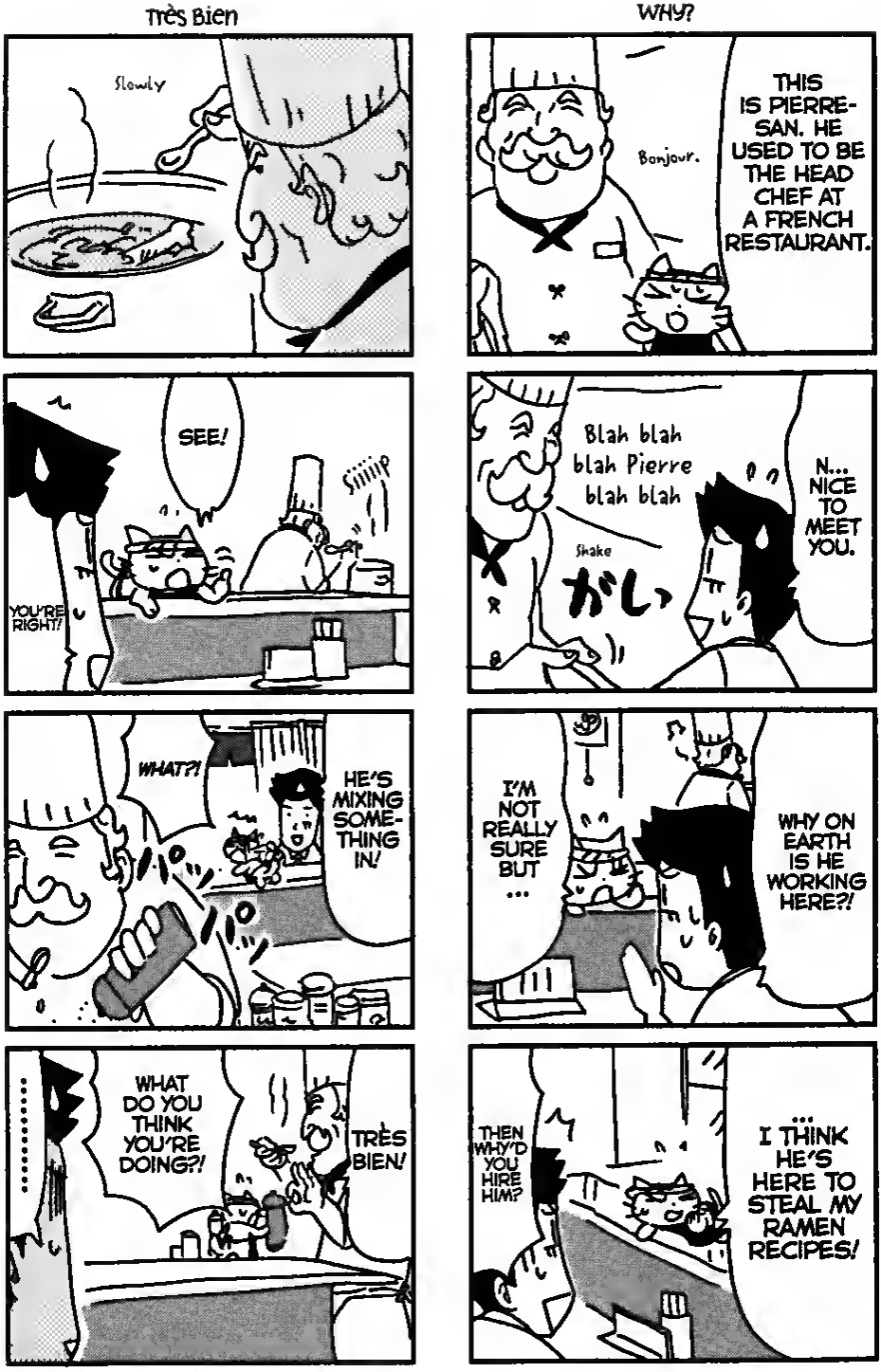




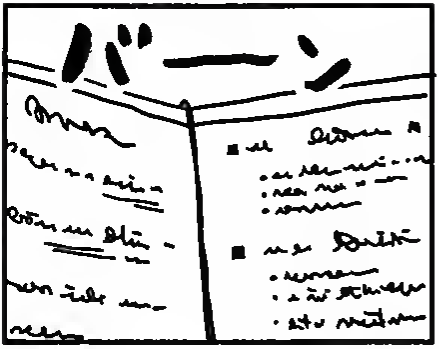




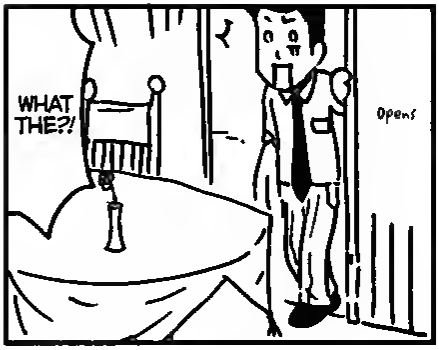


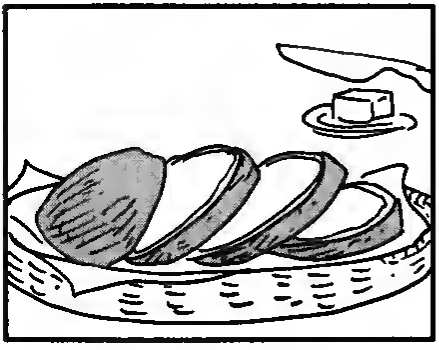

Très Bien
Slowly
SEE!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
WHAT?!
HE'S MIXING SOMETHING IN!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
TRÈS BIEN!
WHY?
Bonjour.
THIS IS PIERRE-SAN. HE USED TO BE THE HEAD CHEF AT A FRENCH RESTAURANT.
Blah blah blah Pierre blah blah
Shake
がし
N... NICE TO MEET YOU.
I'M NOT REALLY SURE BUT ...
WHY ON EARTH IS HE WORKING HERE?!
THEN WHY'D YOU HIRE HIM?
...I THINK HE'S HERE TO STEAL MY RAMEN RECIPES!

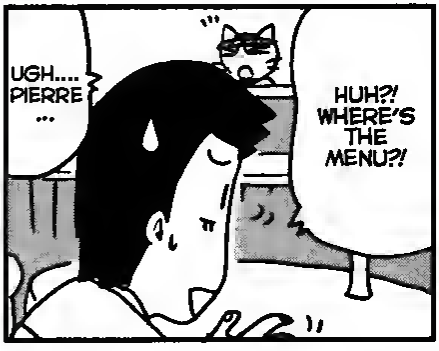
Changes

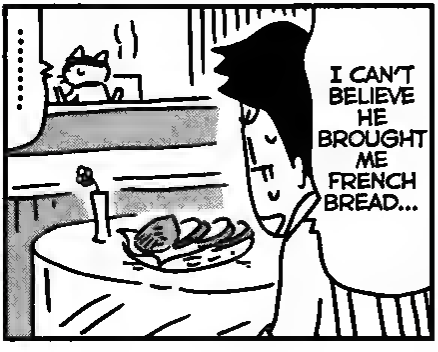


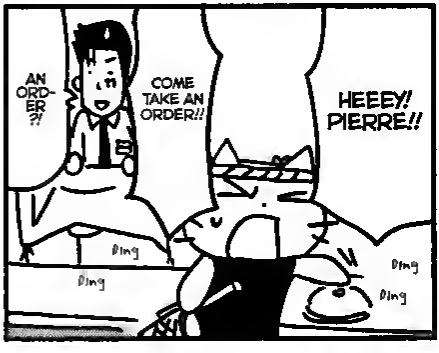
Menu











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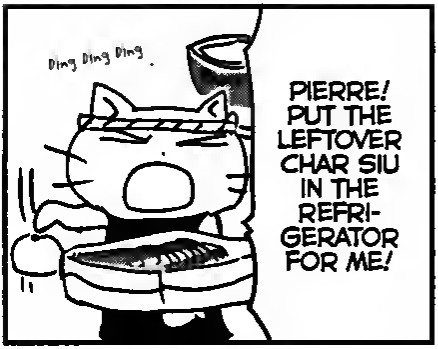

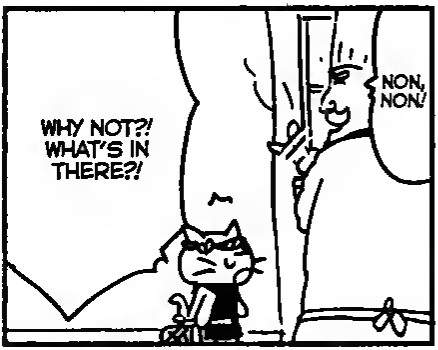

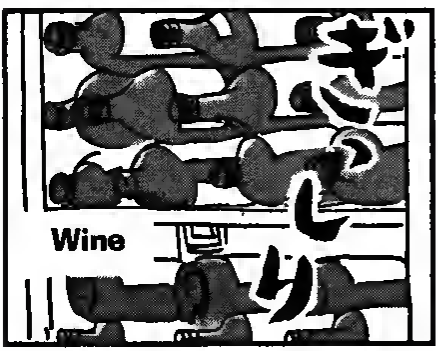

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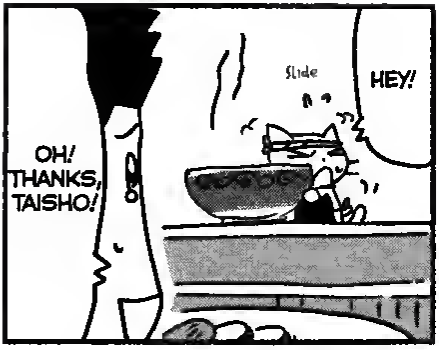

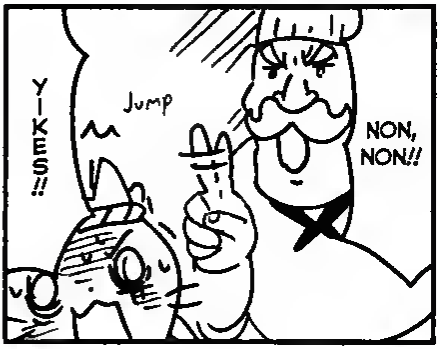

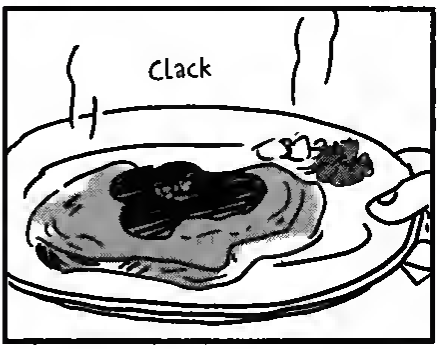

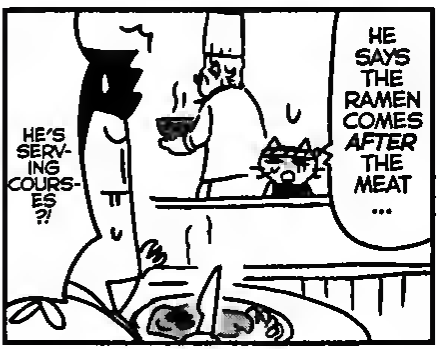

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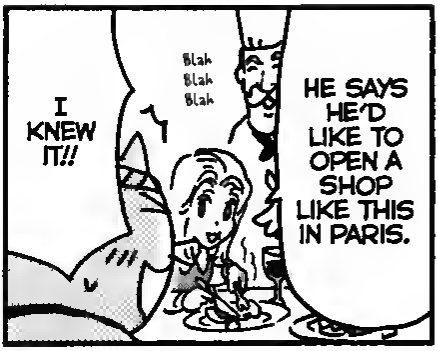
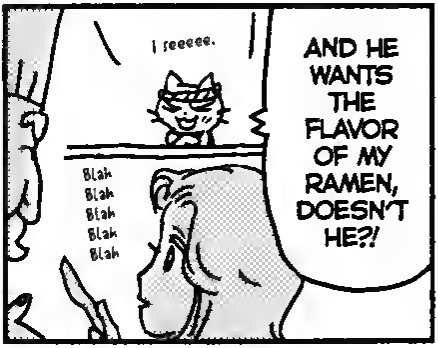
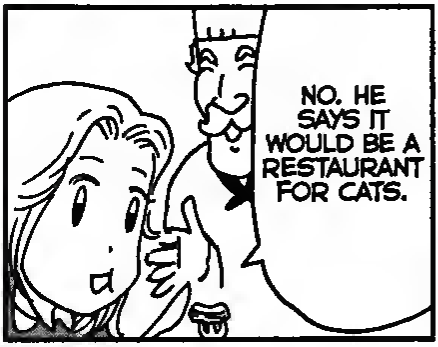
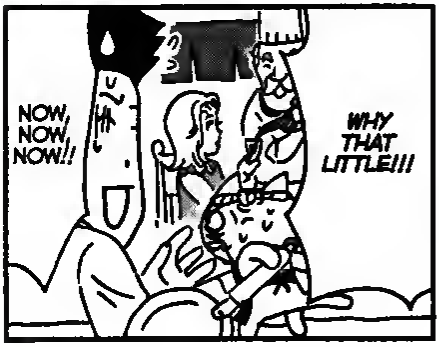
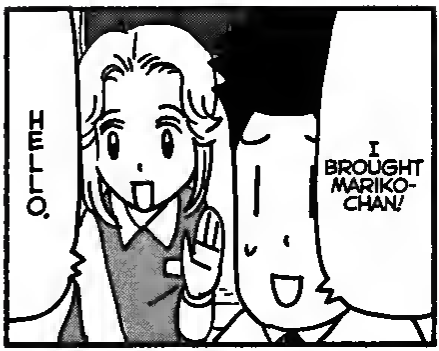


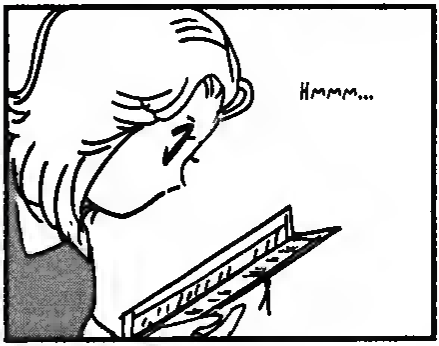


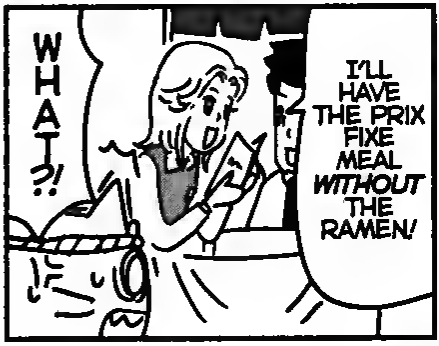


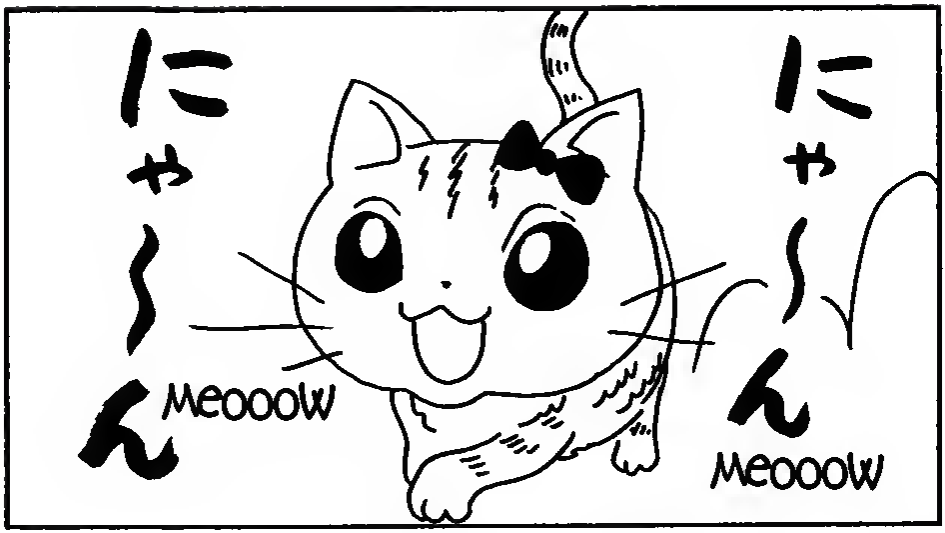


Fluent





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Meoooow
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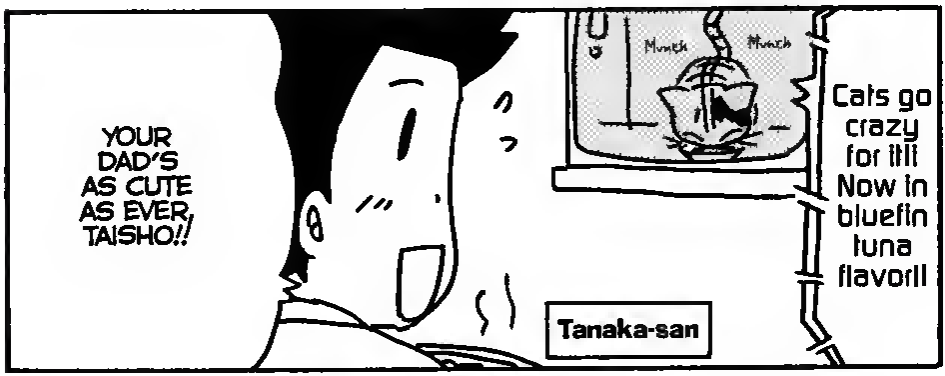
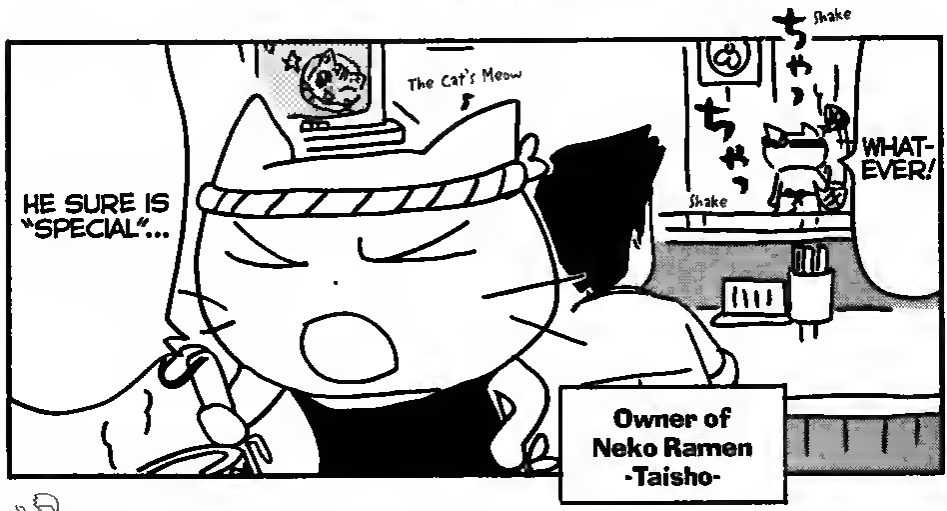
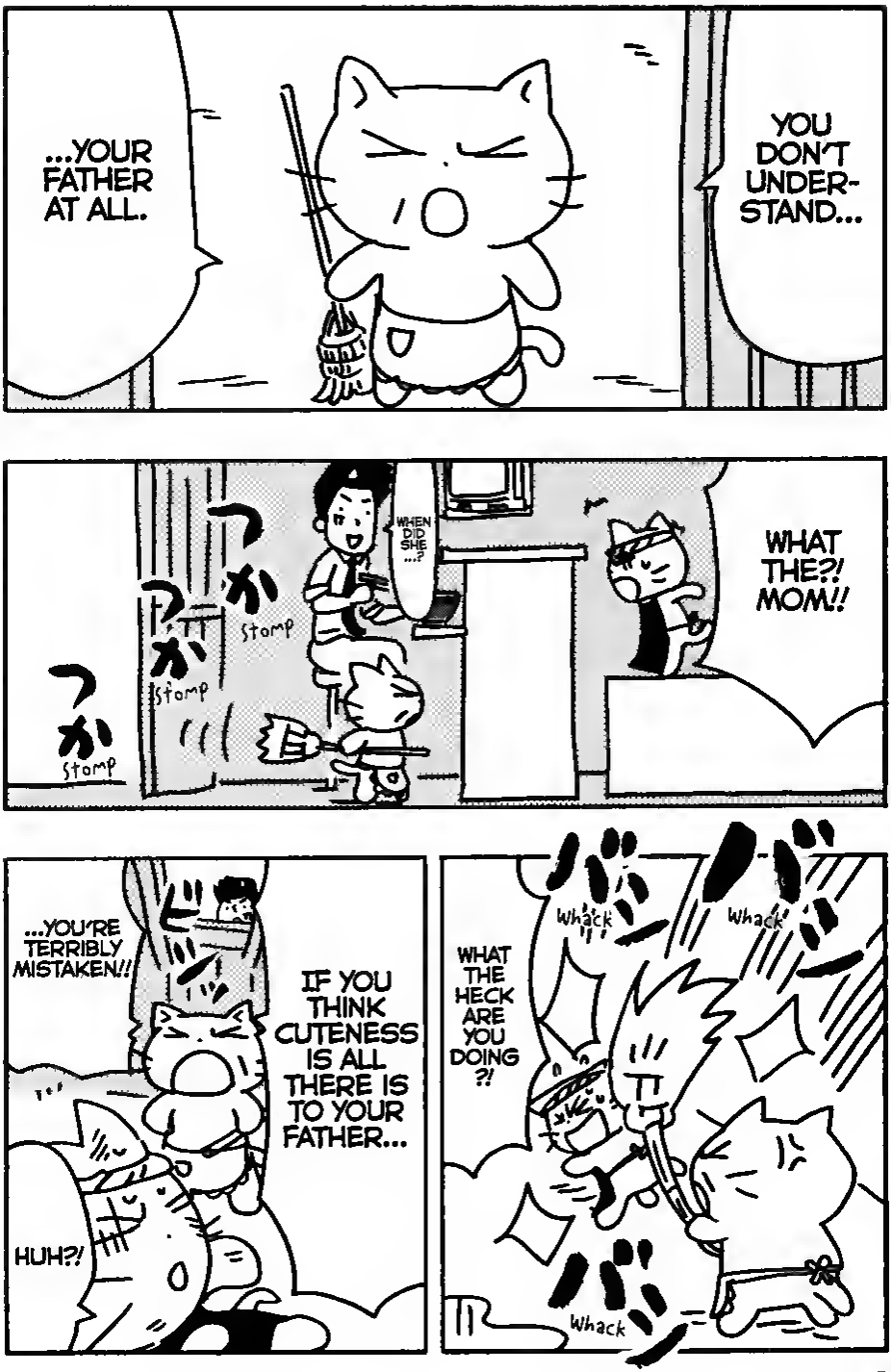
Meoooow

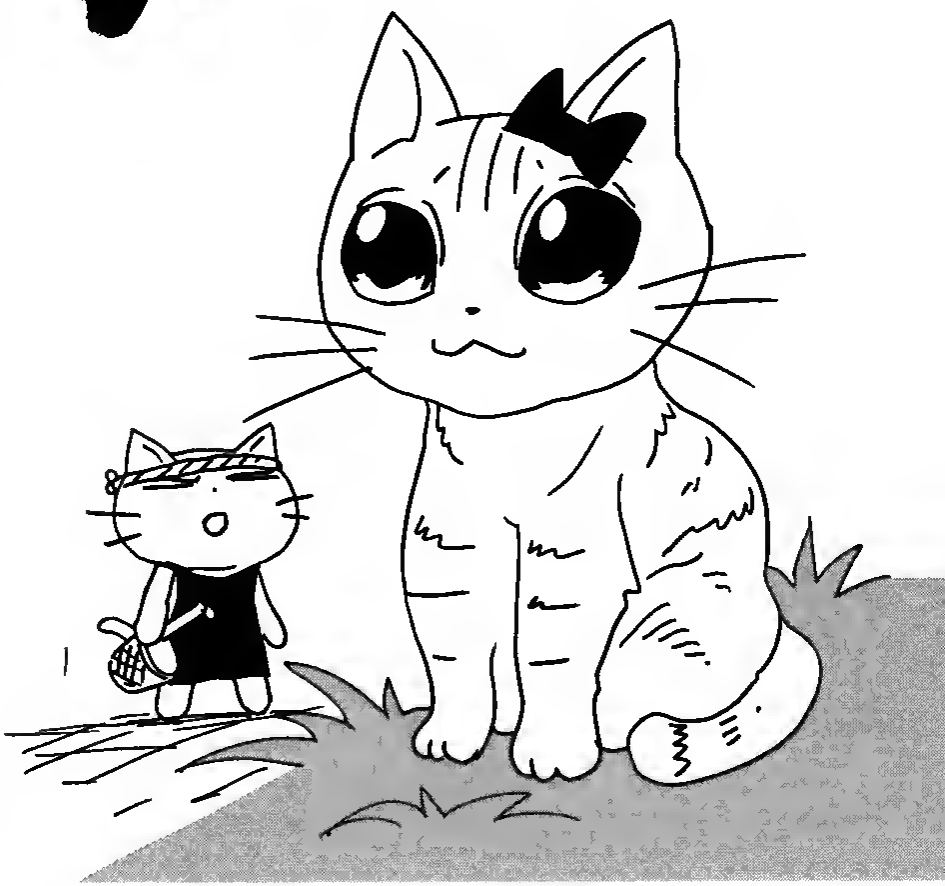

YOUR DAD'S AS CUTE AS EVER, TAISHO!!
Munch
Munch
Cats go crazy for it!!! Now in bluefin tuna flavor!!
Tanaka-san


HE SURE IS "SPECIAL"...
The Cat's Meow
Shake
Shake
WHAT-EVER!
Owner of Neko Ramen -Taisho-

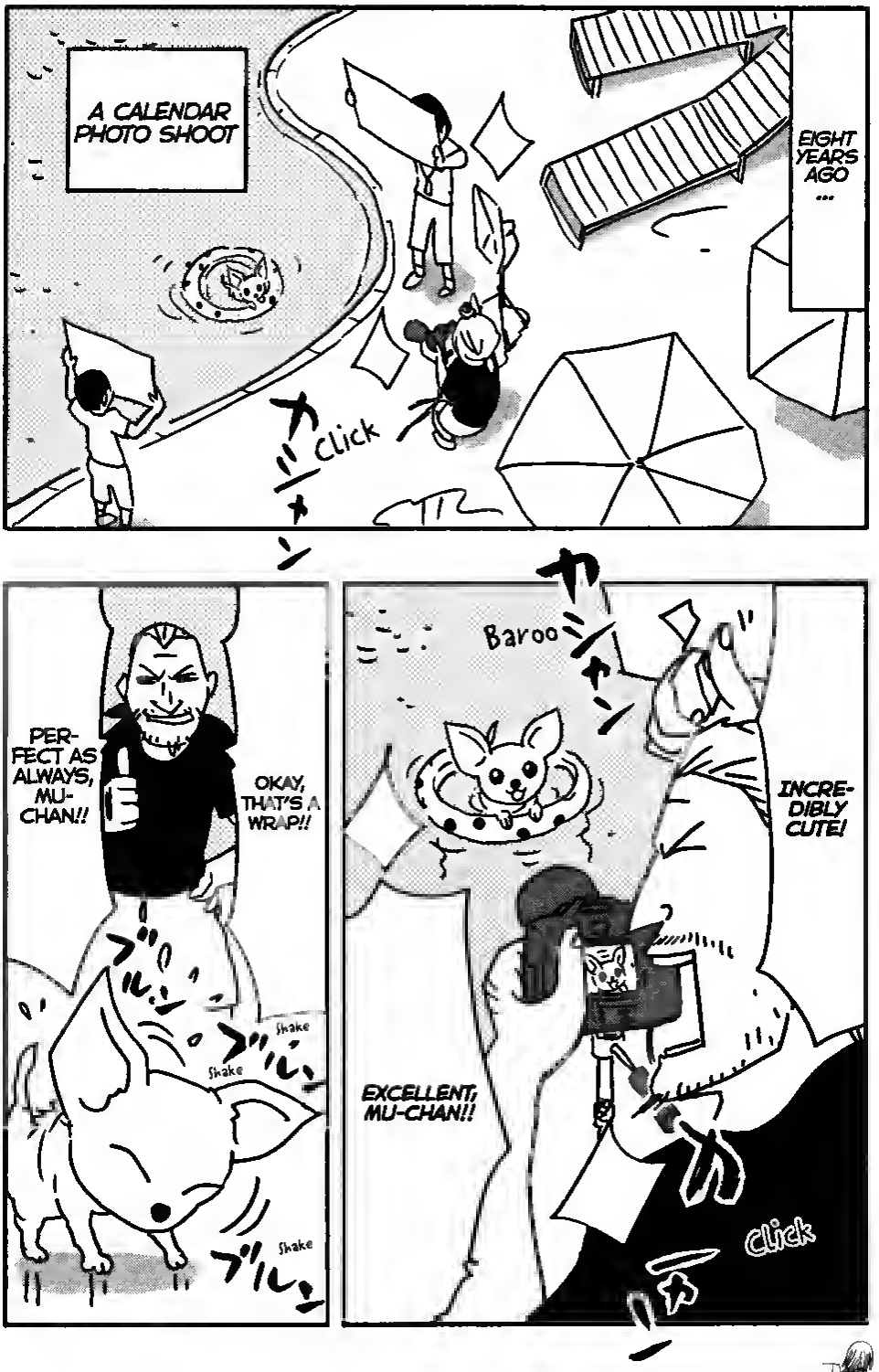

...YOUR FATHER AT ALL.
YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND...
WHEN DID SHE ...?
Stomp
Stomp
Stomp
WHAT THE?! MOM!!
...YOU'RE TERRIBLY MISTAKEN!!
IF YOU THINK CUTENESS IS ALL THERE IS TO YOUR FATHER...
HUH?!
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING ?!
Whack
Whack
Whack

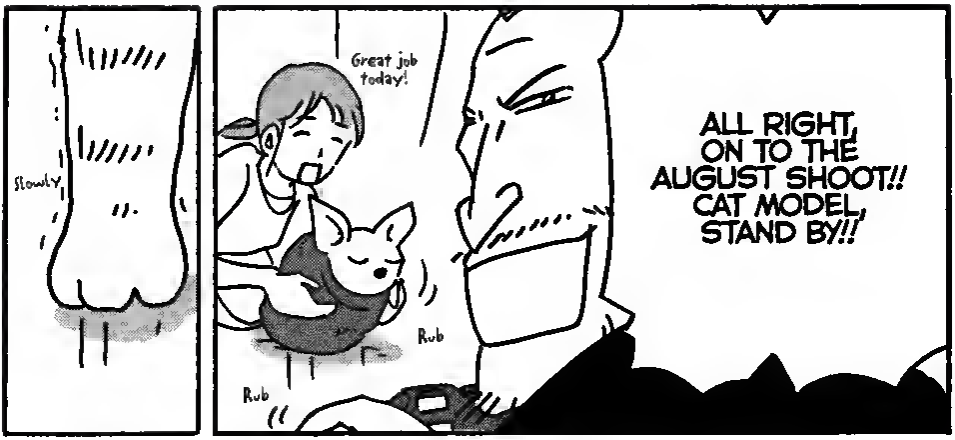
Short Comic Special

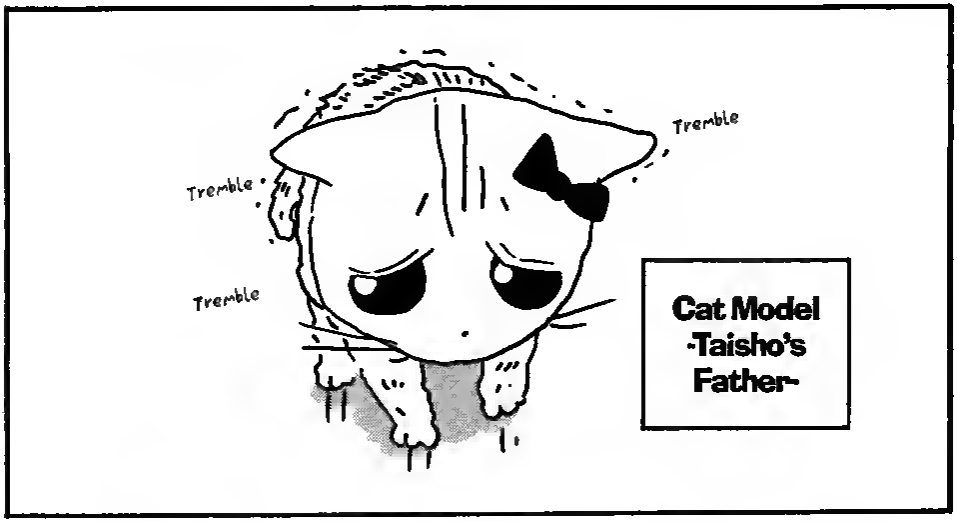
猫ラーナン

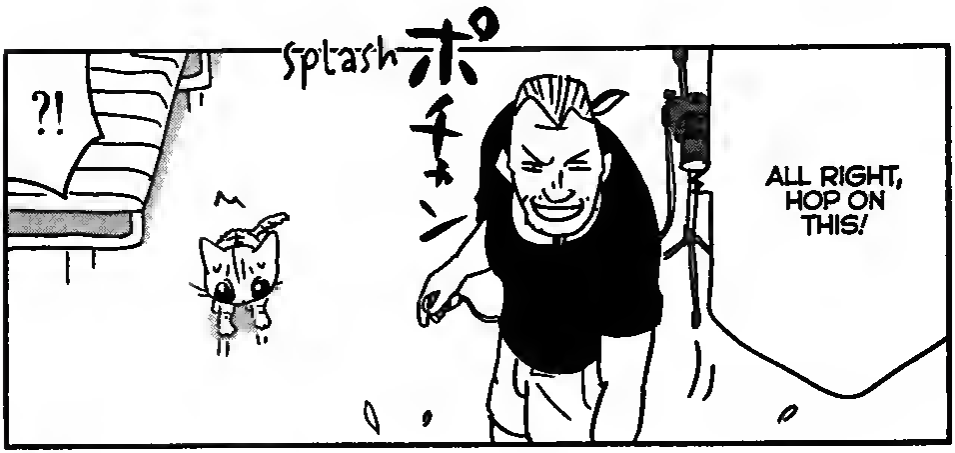


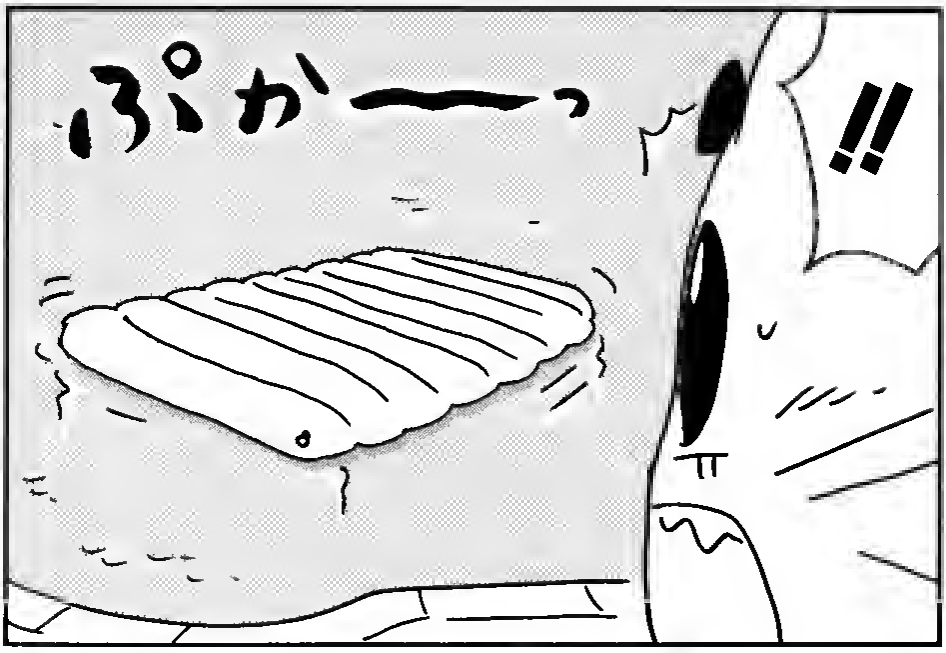
Father


A CALENDAR PHOTO SHOOT
EIGHT YEARS AGO ...
Click
Baroo
INCRE-DIBLY CUTE!
EXCELLENT, MU-CHAN!!
Click
PER-FECT AS ALWAYS, MU-CHAN!!
OKAY, THAT'S A WRAP!!
Shake
Shake
Shake


Slowly
Great job today!
Rub
Rub
ALL RIGHT, ON TO THE AUGUST SHOOT!! CAT MODEL, STAND BY!!


Tremble
Tremble
Tremble
Cat Model -Taisho's Father-


?!
Splash ポチャン
ALL RIGHT, HOP ON THIS!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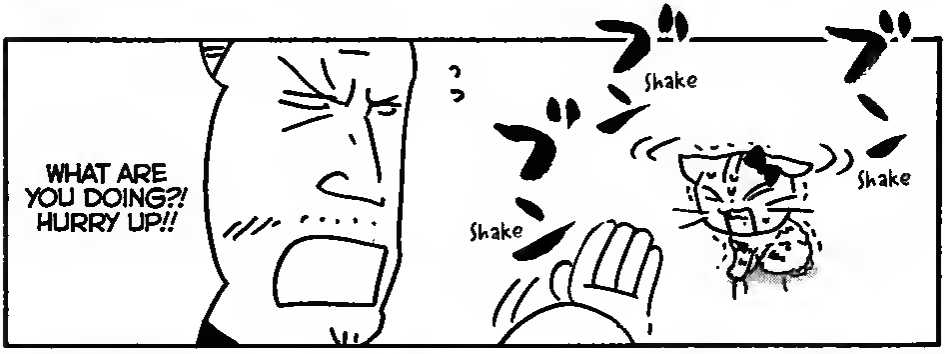
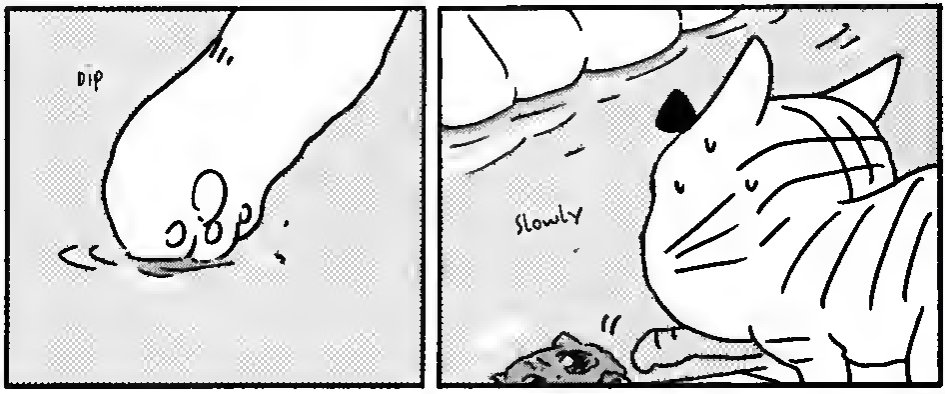
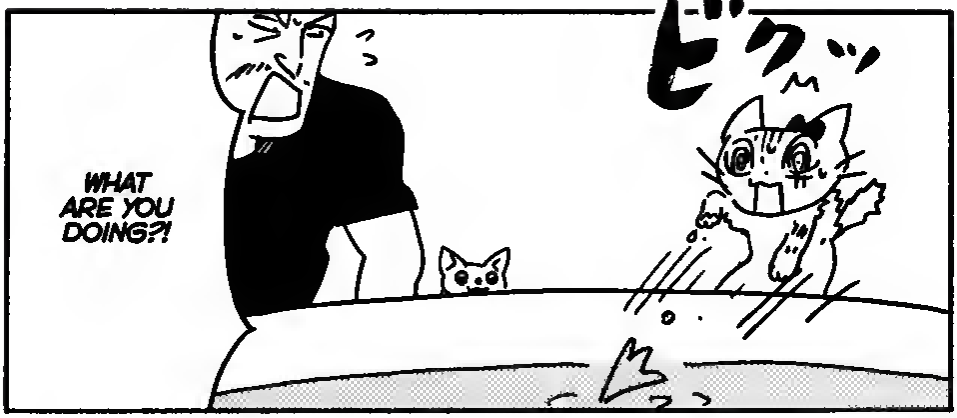
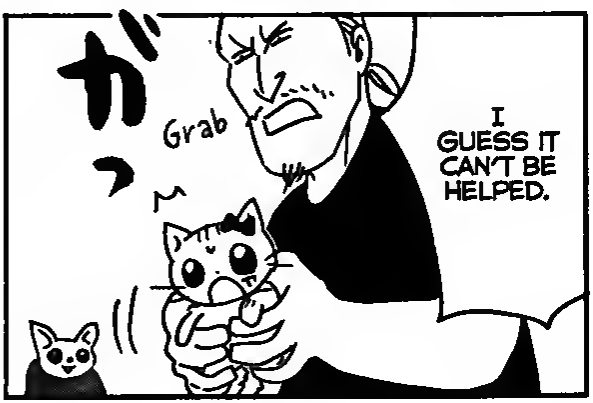

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! HURRY UP!!
Shake
Shake
Shake


DIP
Slowly

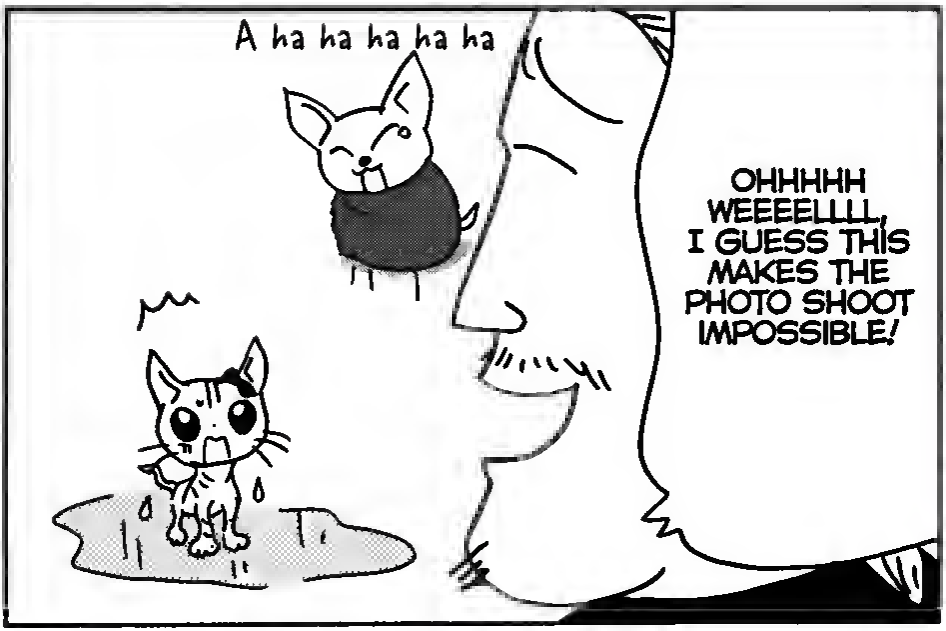

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
ビクッ

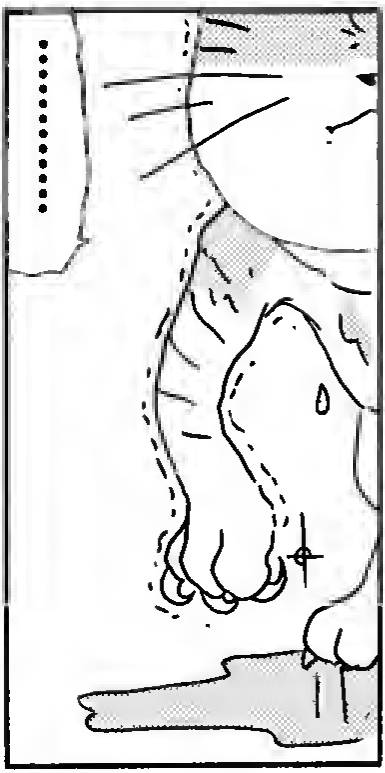
THIS IS WHY I HATE WORKING WITH CATS!
UNBE-LIEVABLE! SCARED OF THE WATER?!
Arf Arf

HUP!!

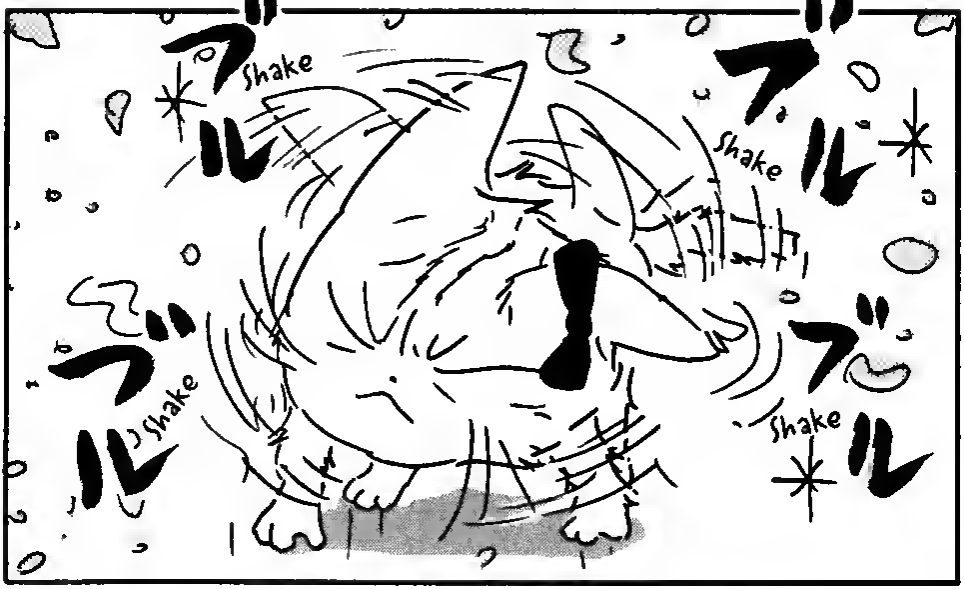

ガッ
Grab
I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

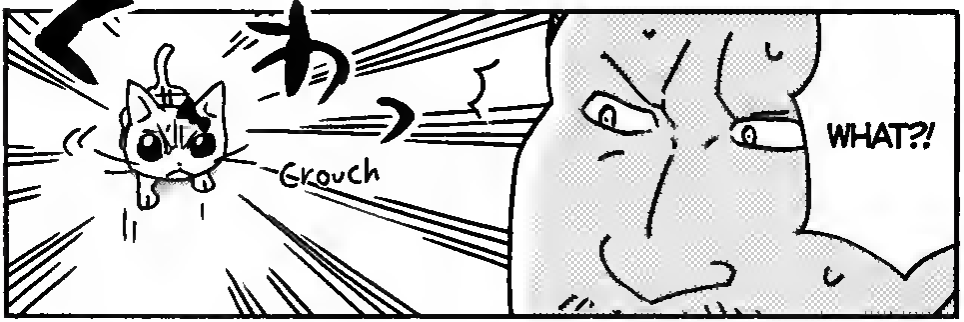
ぼーん
どぼーん
Splash
WIDDLE KITTY, YOU ALL RIGHT ?!!
Ahahahaha
Hahaha
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!!
じたばた
Panic
AGAAAH!!
Shiver
Shiver
Drip
Drip
Drip

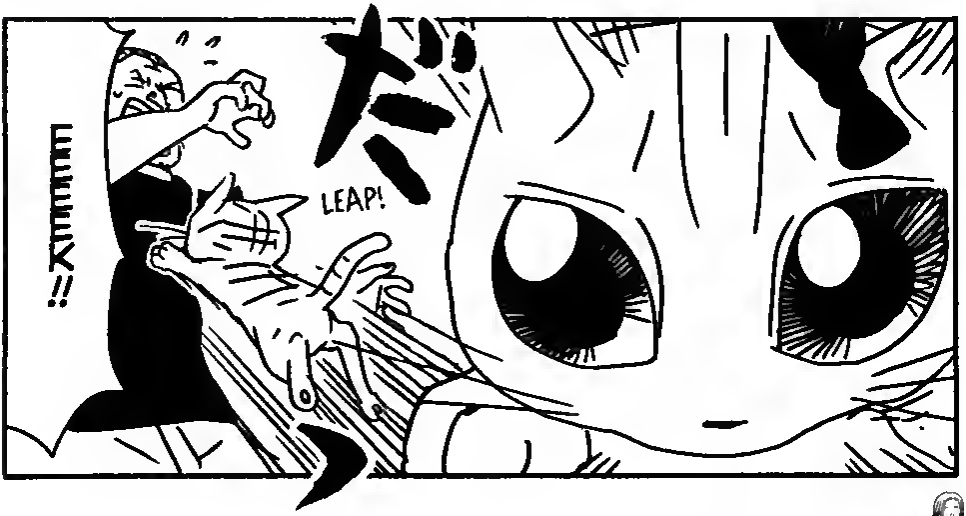

A ha ha ha ha ha
OHHHHH WEEEELLLL, I GUESS THIS MAKES THE PHOTO SHOOT IMPOSSIBLE!



I GUESS WE'LL GO WITH MU-CHAN FOR AUGUST, TOO!
Arf!
Arf!



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LEAP!
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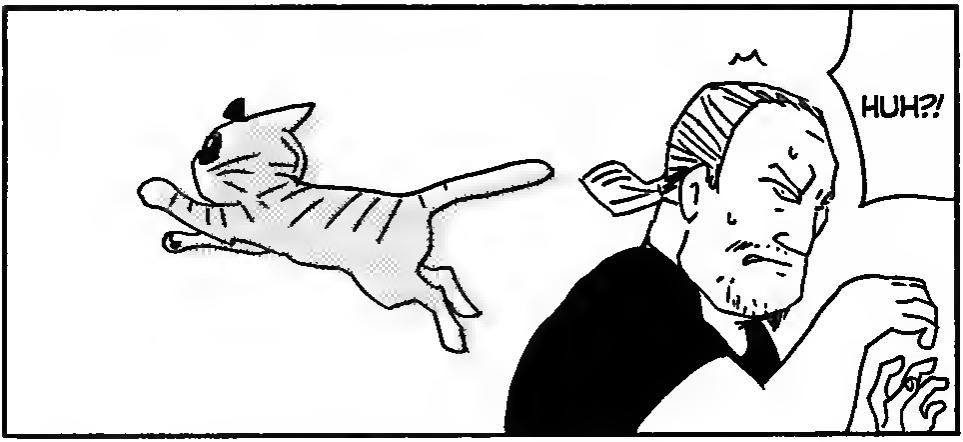
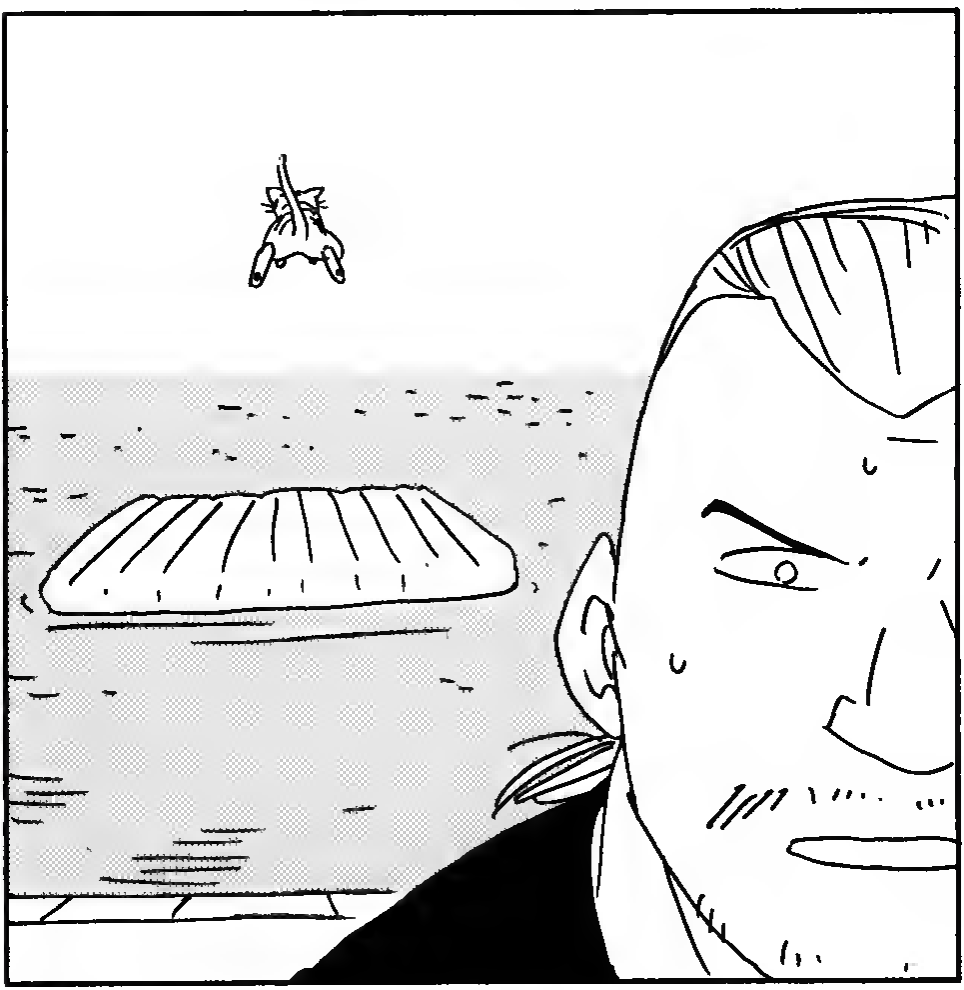
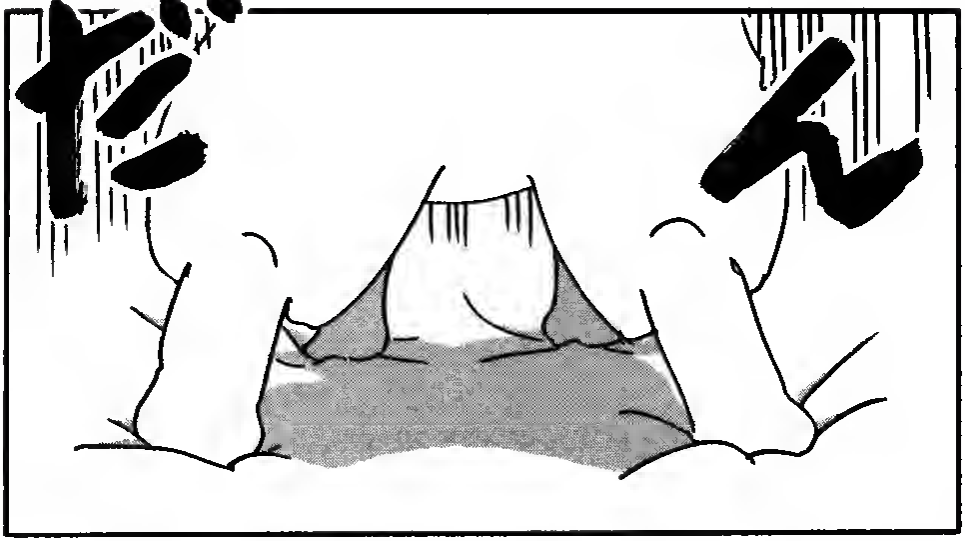
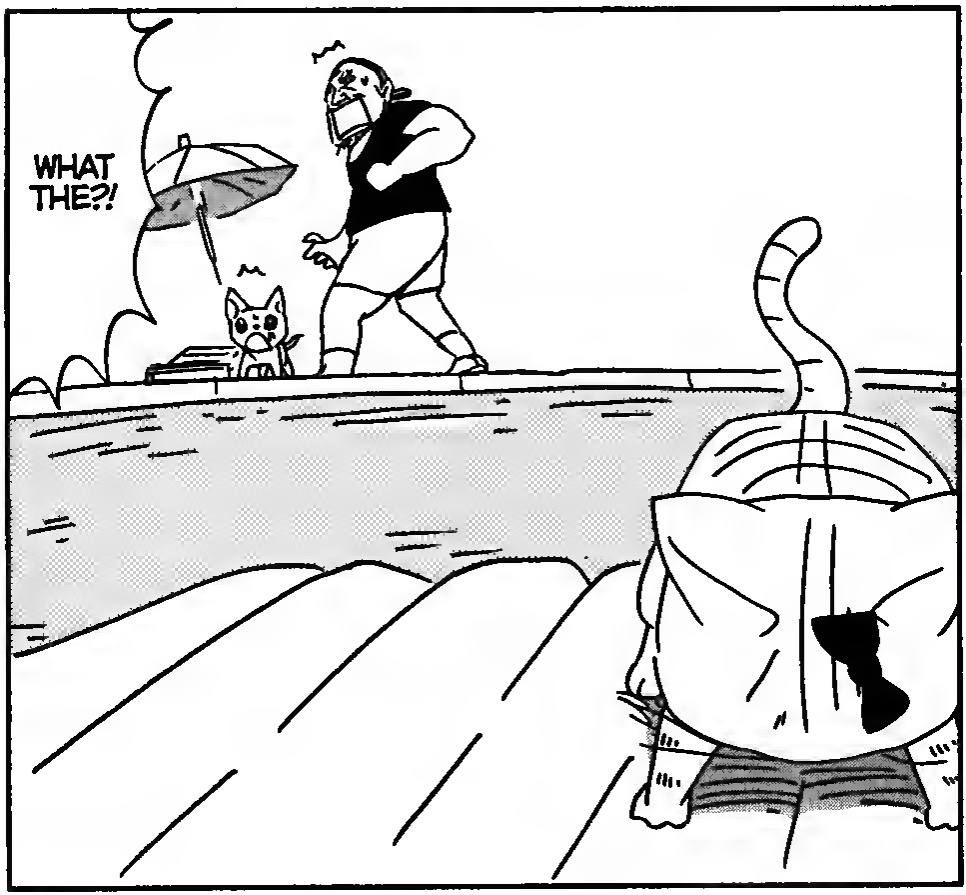
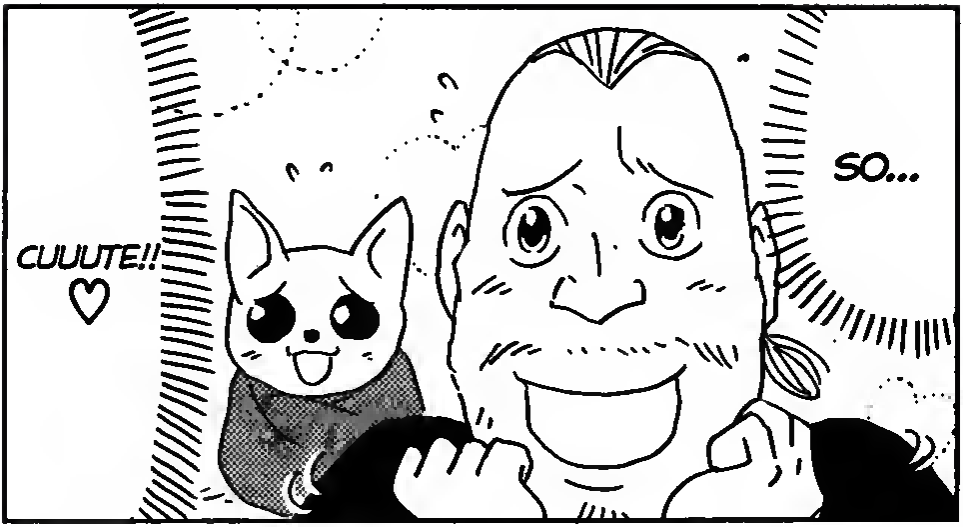
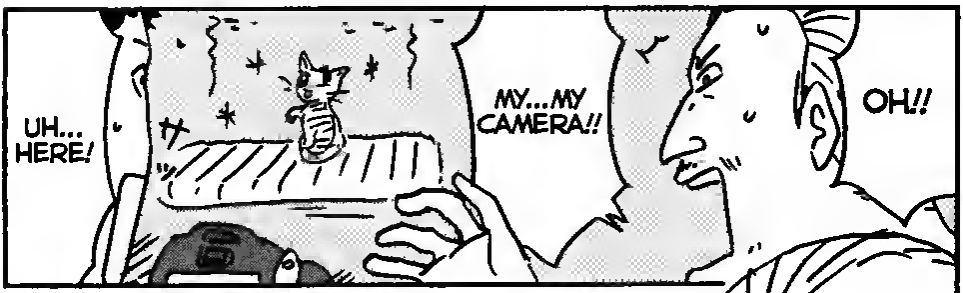

HUH?!

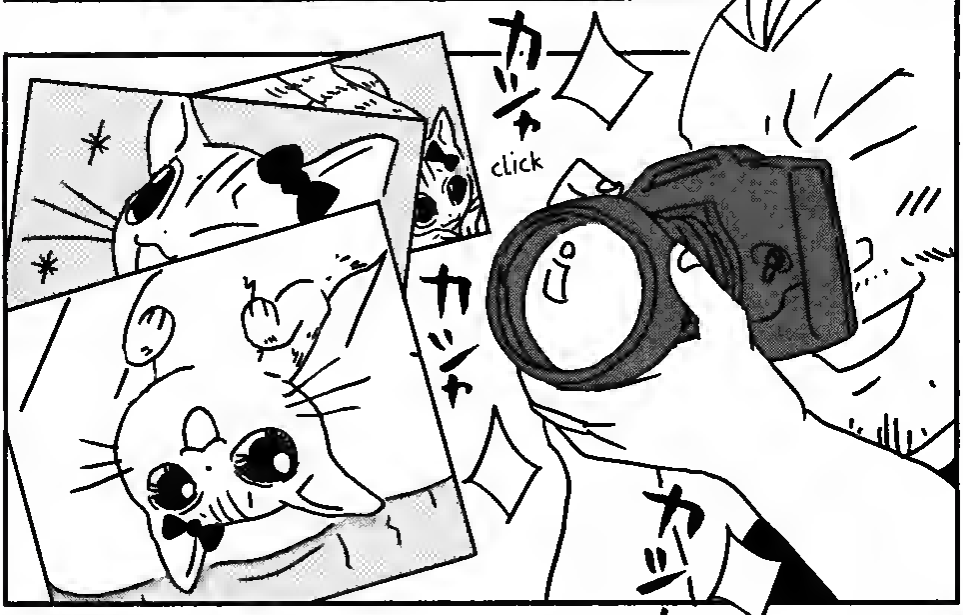


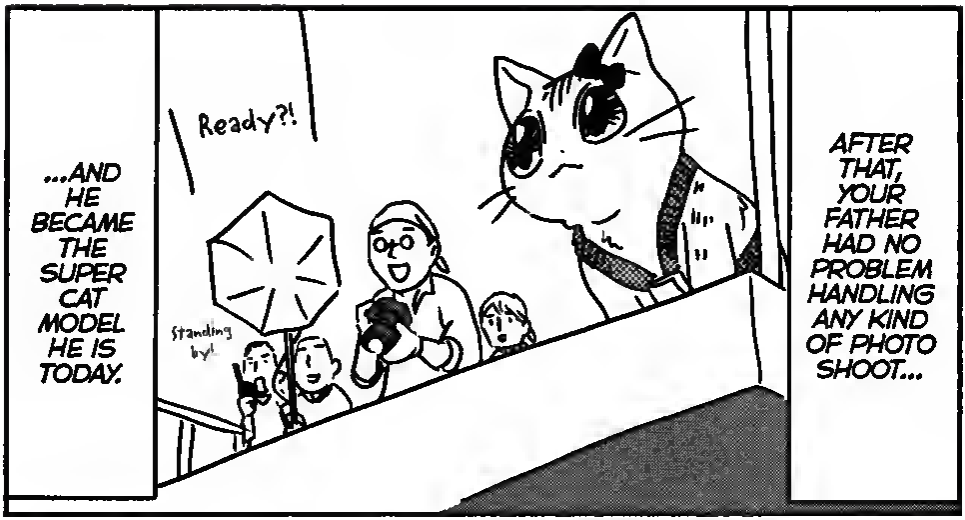


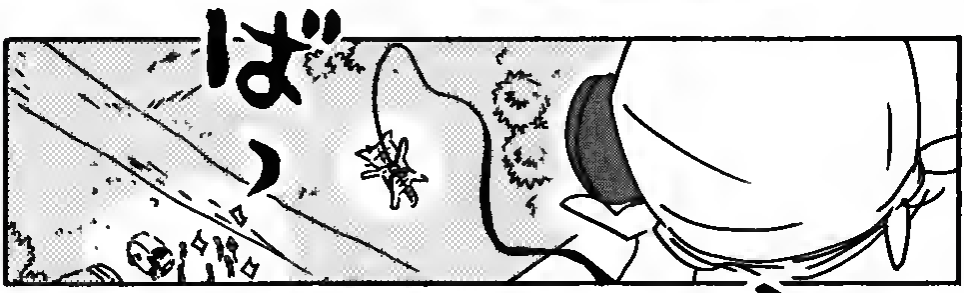

WHAT THE?!


CUUUTE!!
SO...


UH... HERE!
MY...MY CAMERA!!
OH!!


カシャ
click
カシャ
カシャ


...AND HE BECAME THE SUPER CAT MODEL HE IS TODAY.
Ready?!
standing by!
AFTER THAT, YOUR FATHER HAD NO PROBLEM HANDLING ANY KIND OF PHOTO SHOOT...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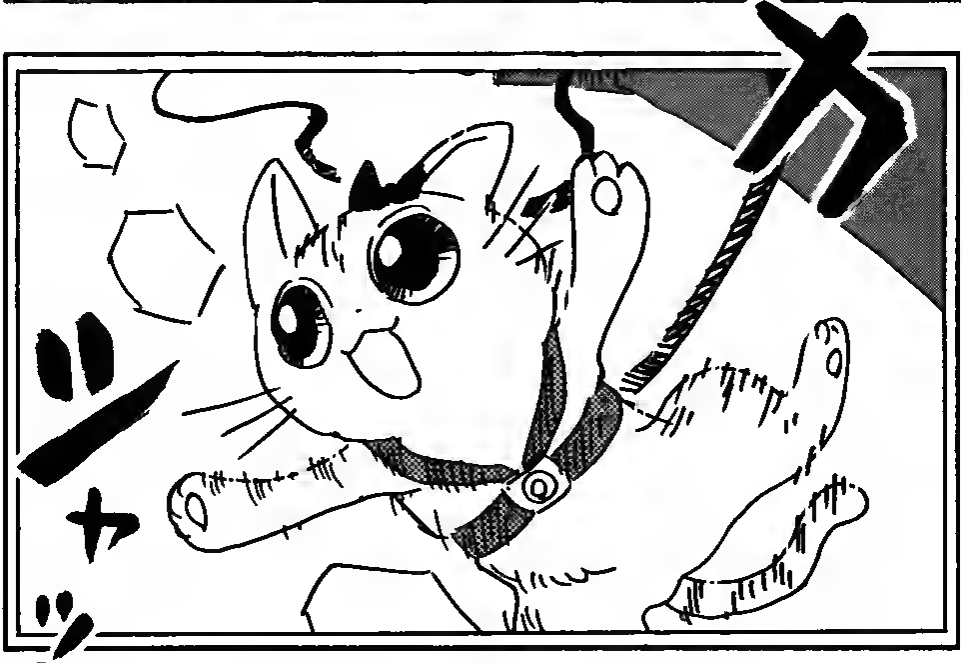
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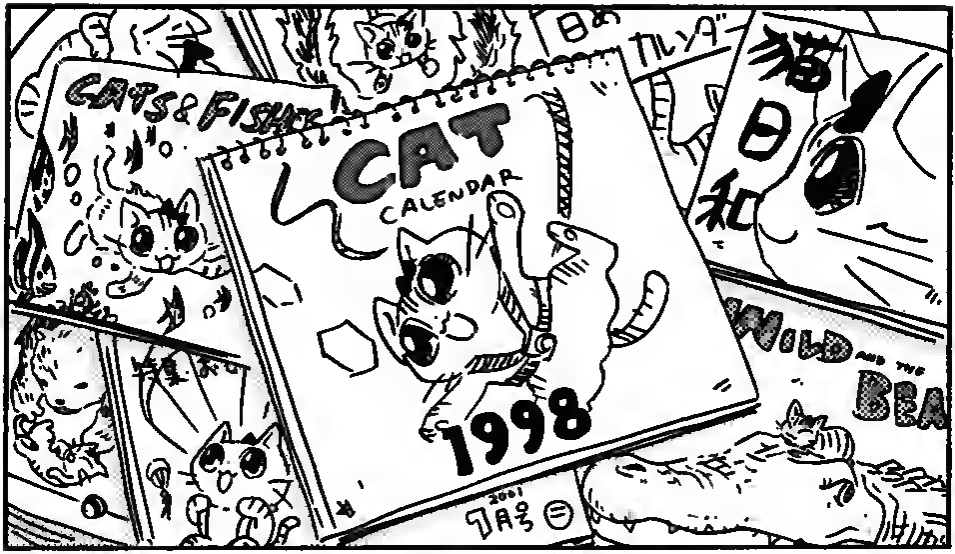
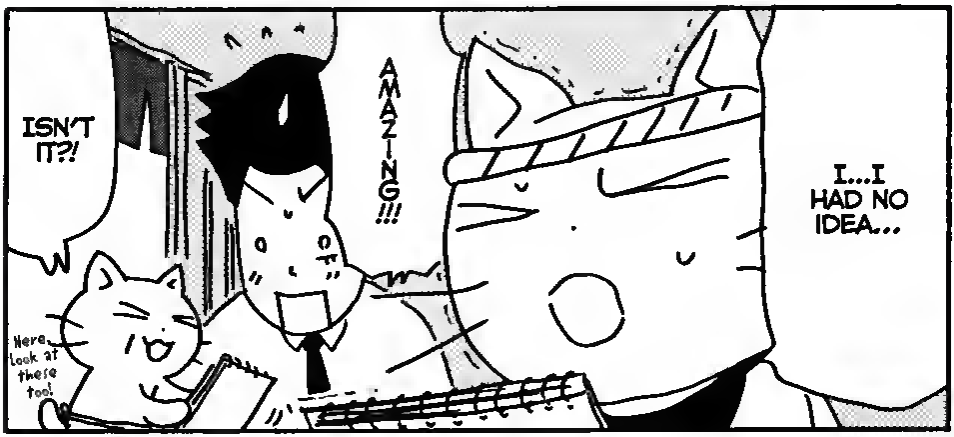
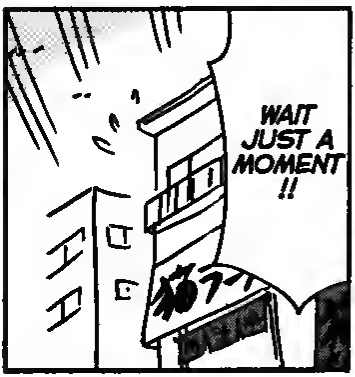

CATS & FISH
CAT
CALENDAR
1998
カレンダー
猫日和


ISN'T IT?!
AMAZING!!!
I...I HAD NO IDEA...
Here, Look at these too!


WAIT JUST A MOMENT !!

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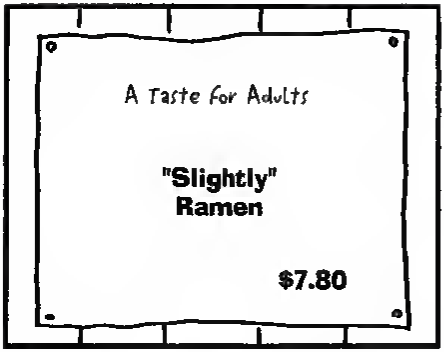
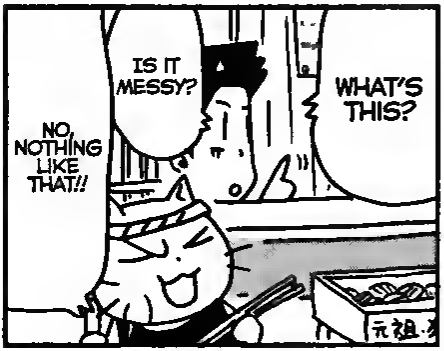
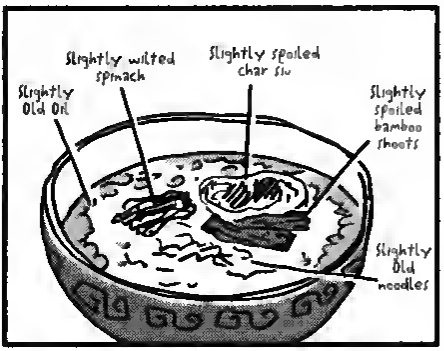
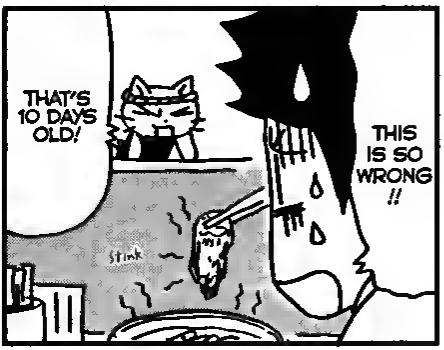
WHAT?!
Father's Memories 1
Father's Memories 2
Father's Memories 3
That helps my cleaning considerably
ALL RIGHT, I'LL LEAVE THESE HERE WITH YOU!









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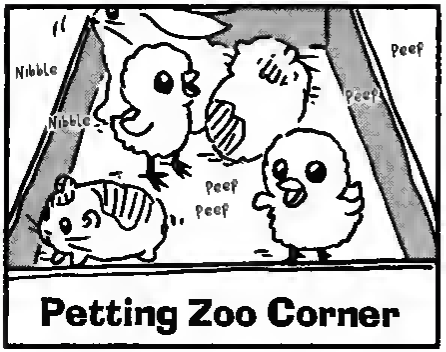
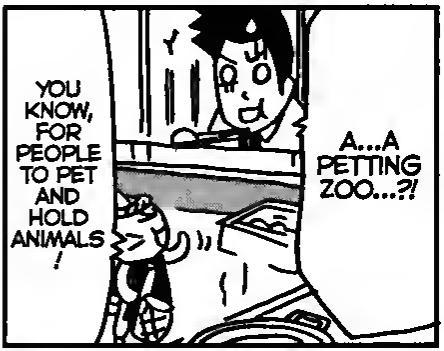
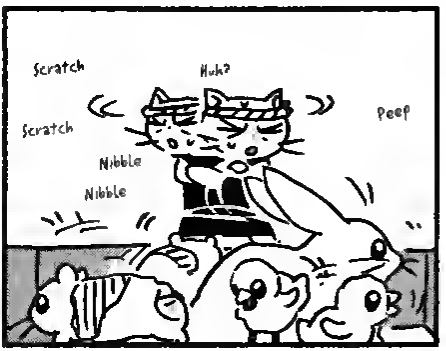
Chapter 12

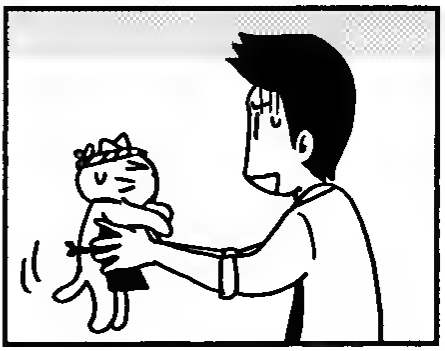
petting zoo corner 2

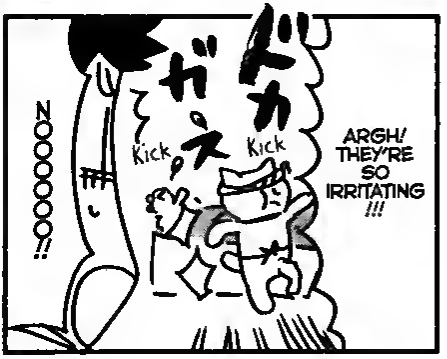


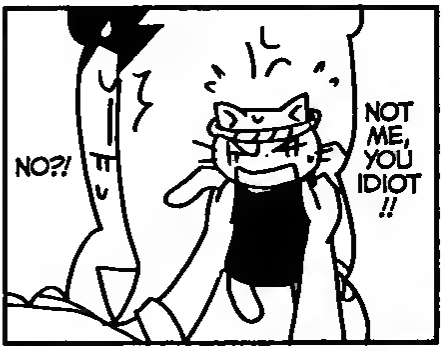
petting zoo

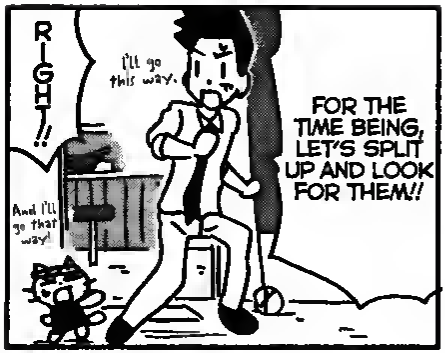


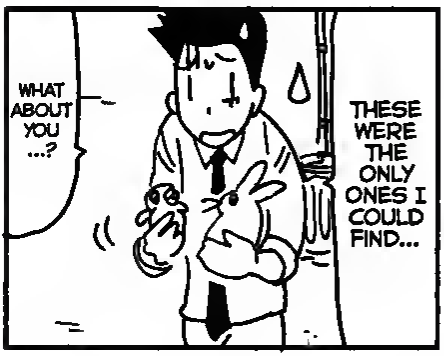


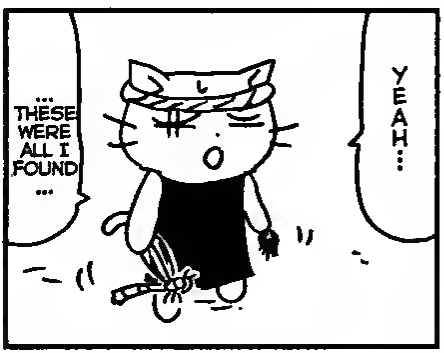







RIGHT!!
I'll go this way.
And I'll go that way!
FOR THE TIME BEING, LET'S SPLIT UP AND LOOK FOR THEM!!


WHAT ABOUT YOU ...?
THESE WERE THE ONLY ONES I COULD FIND...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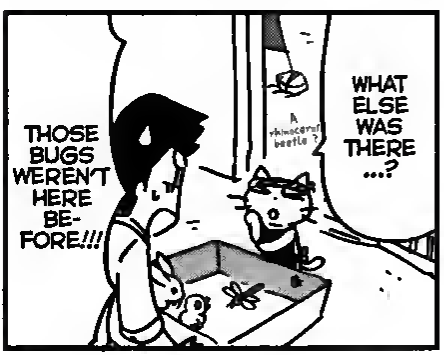
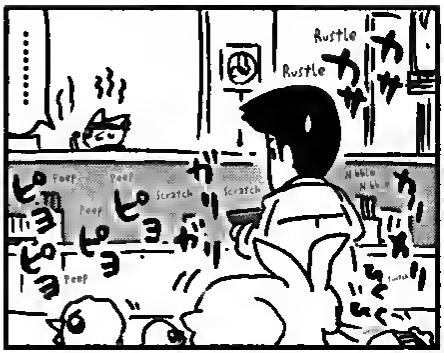
THESE WERE ALL I FOUND ...
YEAH...


THOSE BUGS WEREN'T HERE BE-FORE!!!
A rhinoceros beetle?
WHAT ELSE WAS THERE ...?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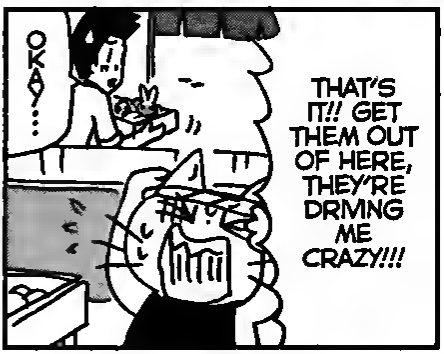
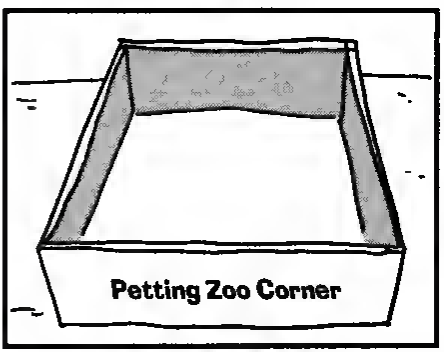
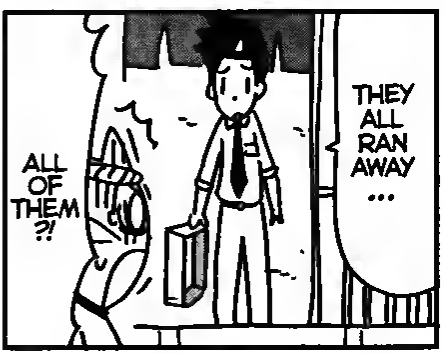
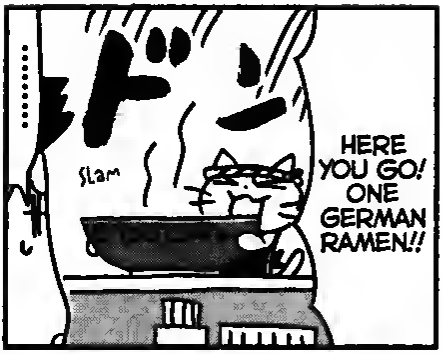
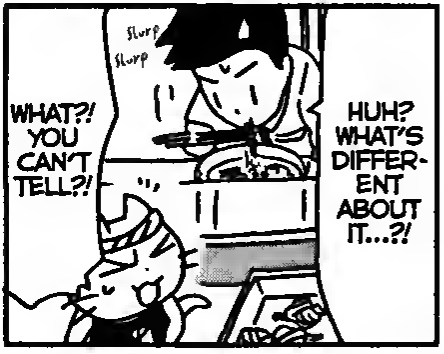
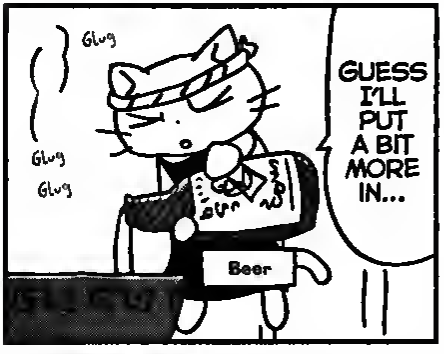

OKAY...
THAT'S IT!! GET THEM OUT OF HERE, THEY'RE DRIVING ME CRAZY!!!

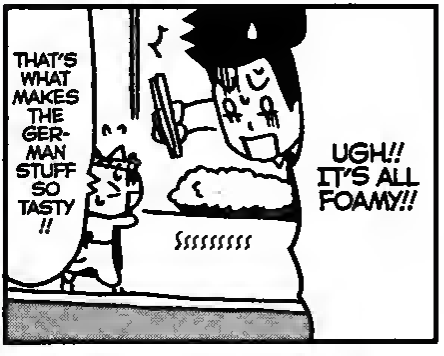

Petting Zoo Corner

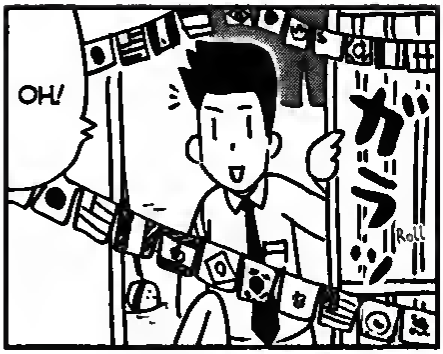

ALL OF THEM ?!
THEY ALL RAN AWAY ...

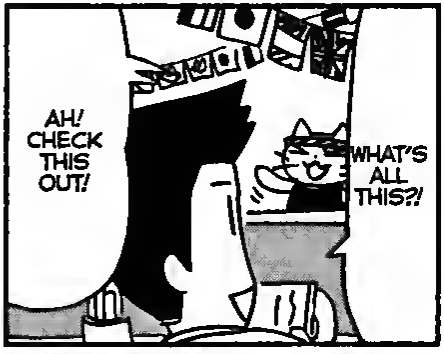

Slam
HERE YOU GO! ONE GERMAN RAMEN!!


Slurp
Slurp
WHAT?! YOU CAN'T TELL?!
HUH? WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT IT...?!

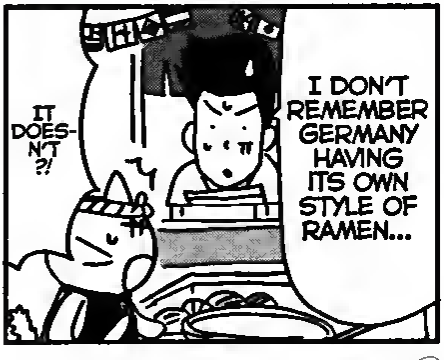

Glug
Glug
Glug
Beer
GUESS I'LL PUT A BIT MORE IN...


THAT'S WHAT MAKES THE GERMAN STUFF SO TASTY !!
Sssssssss
UGH!! IT'S ALL FOAMY!!


OH!
Roll

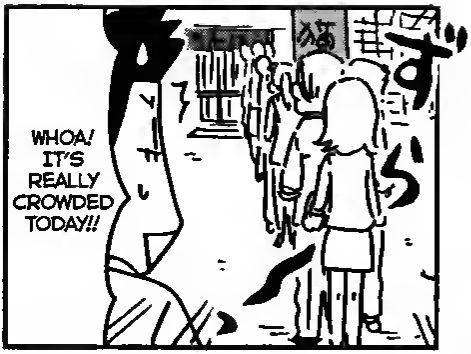

AH! CHECK THIS OUT!
WHAT'S ALL THIS?!

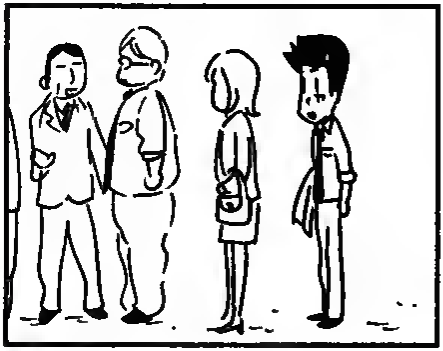
Ramen World Fair
This Week
Germany

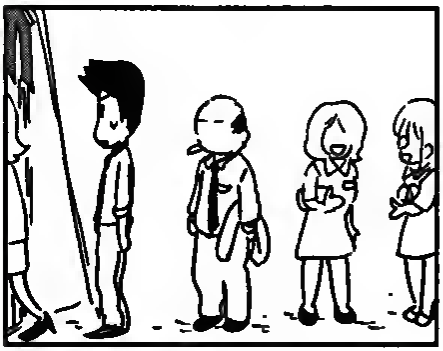

IT DOES-N'T ?!
I DON'T REMEMBER GERMANY HAVING ITS OWN STYLE OF RAMEN...

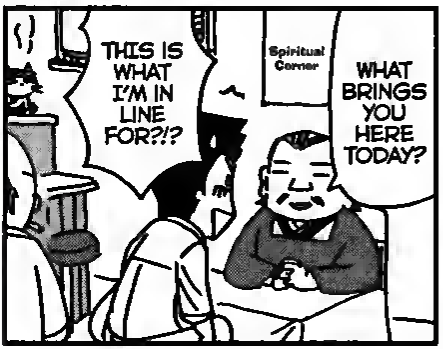
NEW PRODUCT
Spiritual Corner
TEST
GOOD GRIEF, HE'S STILL DOING IT?!!
This Week
Italian Ramen
BEATS ME.
WHAT'S THAT OVER THERE?!
The noodles are all spaghetti
NOPE! I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!
HUH?! YOU DON'T KNOW?!
Nod
Twirl
Twirl
YOU SURE THIS IS ANY GOOD?!
A RENTAL SPACE ?!
I MEAN, NOW THAT IT'S A RENTAL SPACE...
ITALIAN IS NO GOOD ... EITHER ...
Scribble
Scribble
UGH! GROSS ...
HUH ?!

Lining Up

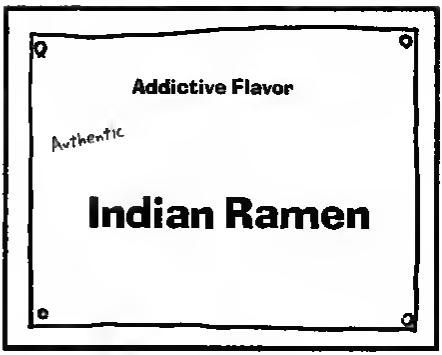


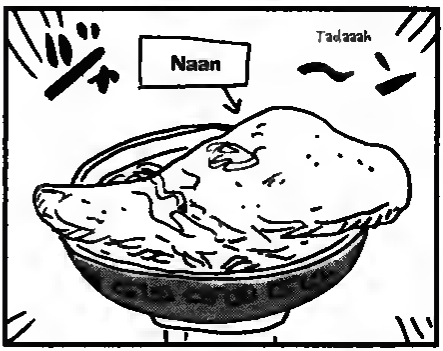


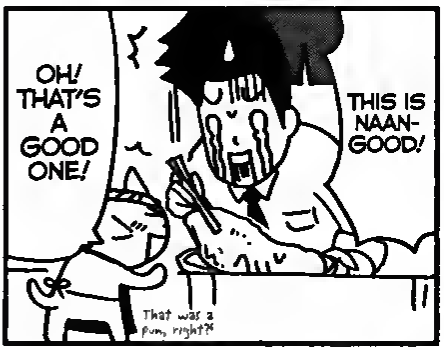




Naan-Good

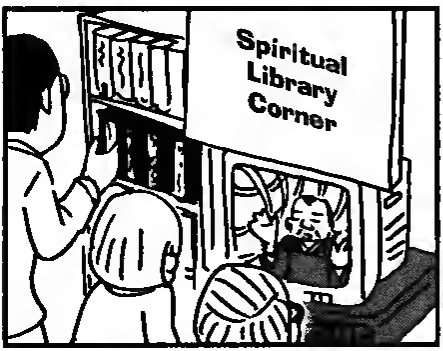


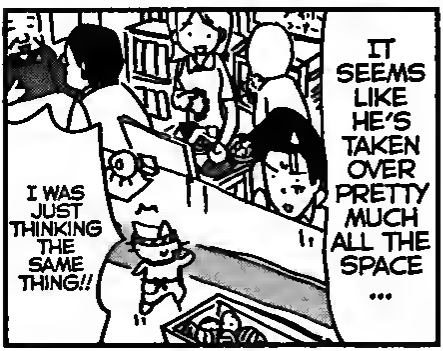


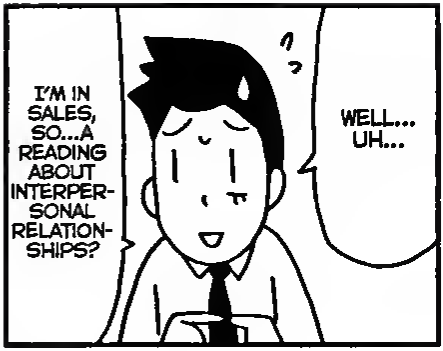


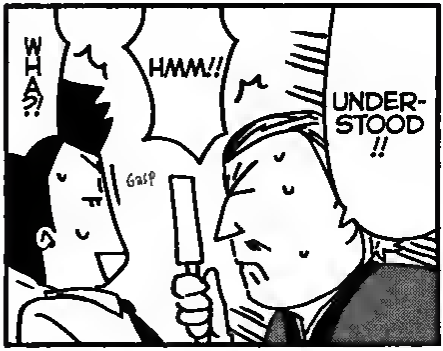
Spiritual Counseling Corner

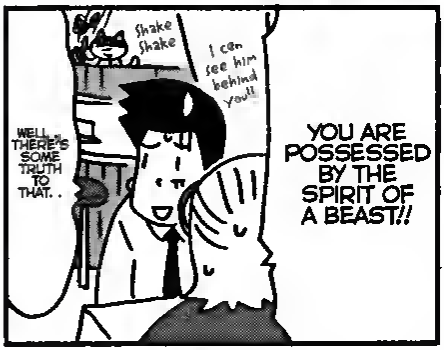
Spiritual-related Goods Corner

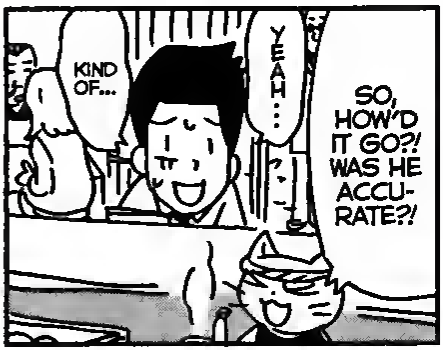

Spiritual Library Corner


I WAS JUST THINKING THE SAME THING!!
IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S TAKEN OVER PRETTY MUCH ALL THE SPACE ...

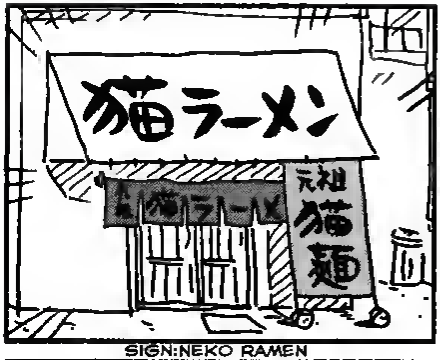

I'M IN SALES, SO...A READING ABOUT INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS?
WELL... UH...


WHA?!
HMM!!
Gasp
UNDERSTOOD!!


Shake Shake
I can see him behind you!!
WELL, THERE'S SOME TRUTH TO THAT..
YOU ARE POSSESSED BY THE SPIRIT OF A BEAST!!

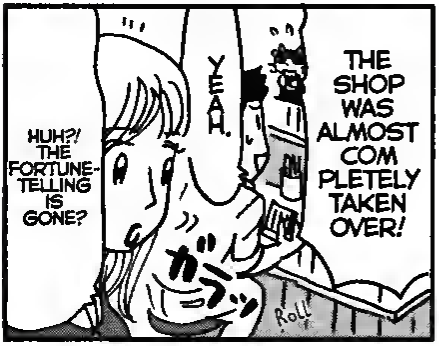

KIND OF...
YEAH...
SO, HOW'D IT GO?! WAS HE ACCURATE?!

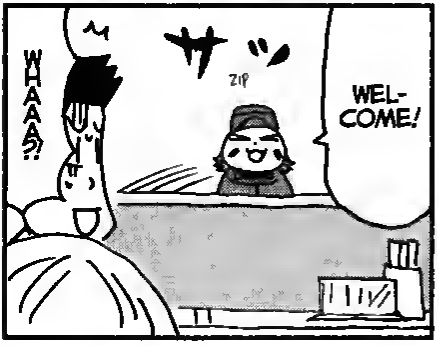
Back to Normal?



SIGN: THE ORIGINAL NEKO NOODLES

SIGN: NEKO RAMEN

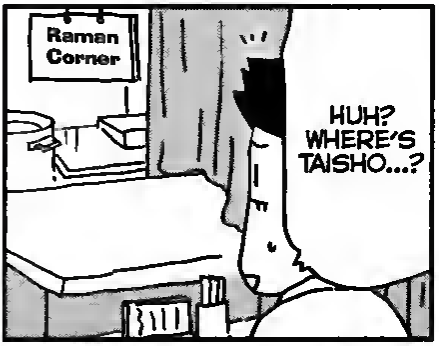


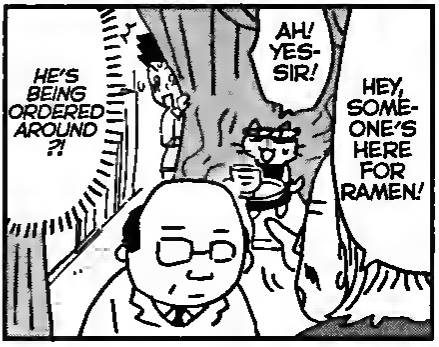


Taken over

SIGN: FORTUNE TELLING

SIGN: SPIRITUAL COUNSELING





Short Comic Special

猫ラーメン

A Tale of Triumph

Bark
Bark
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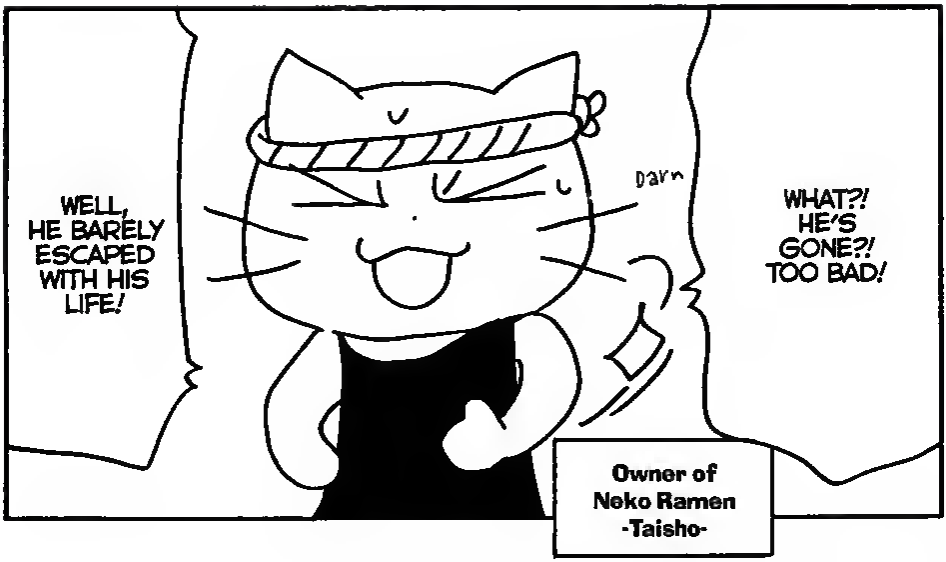
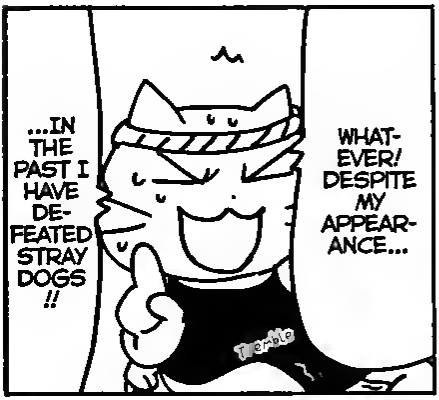
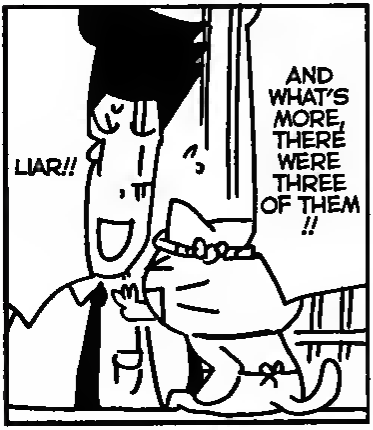
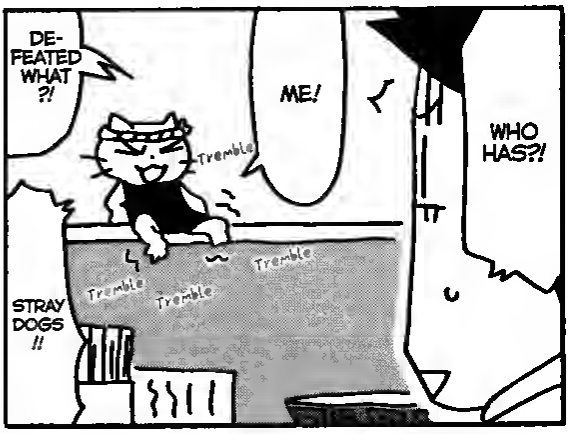
Slowly
Tanaka-san
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S FINALLY GONE...

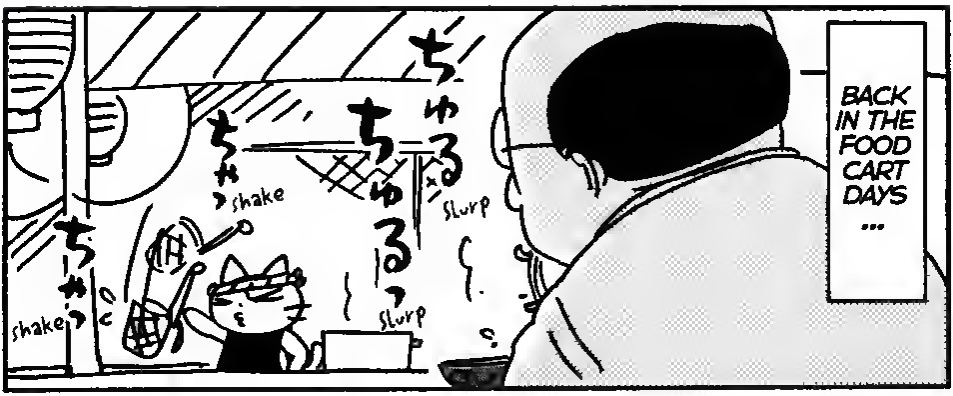

WELL, HE BARELY ESCAPED WITH HIS LIFE!
Darn
WHAT?! HE'S GONE?! TOO BAD!
Owner of Neko Ramen -Taisho-


...IN THE PAST I HAVE DE-FEATED STRAY DOGS !!
WHAT-EVER! DESPITE MY APPEAR-ANCE...
Tremble

LAUGHING SO HARD YOUR KNEES ARE GIVING OUT, I SEE?
Wa ha ha ha ha
Tremble
Tremble
Tremble


LIAR!!
AND WHAT'S MORE, THERE WERE THREE OF THEM !!


DE-FEATED WHAT ?!
ME!
WHO HAS?!
Tremble
Tremble
Tremble
Tremble
Tremble
STRAY DOGS !!


BACK IN THE FOOD CART DAYS ...
ちゃ
shake
ちゅる
Slurp
ちゃ
shake
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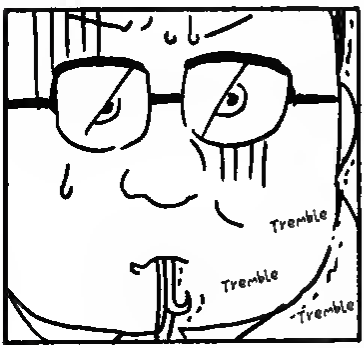
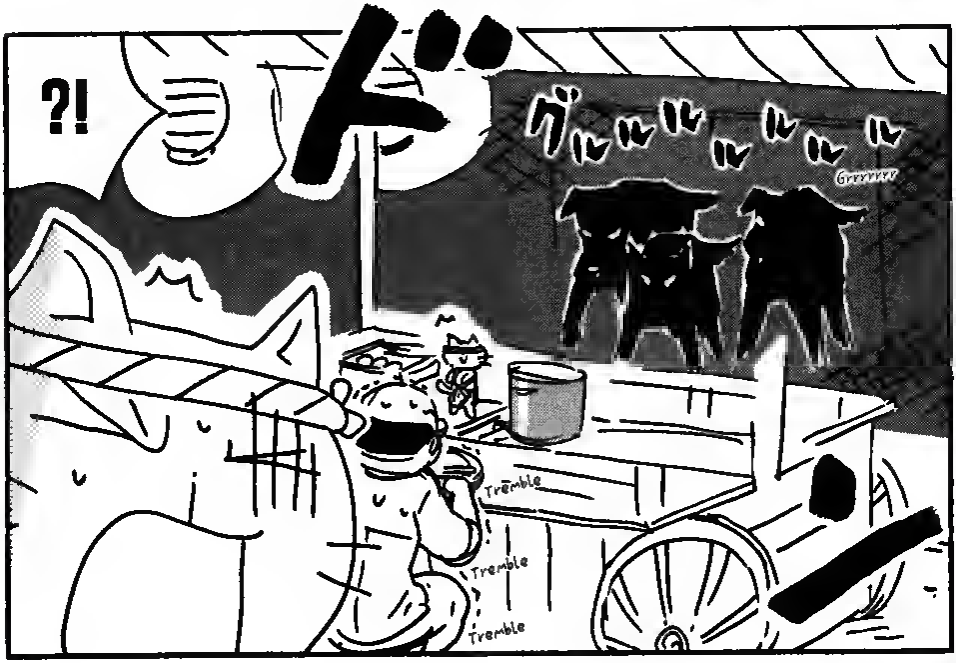
Slurp


Tremble
Tremble
Tremble

...
Freeze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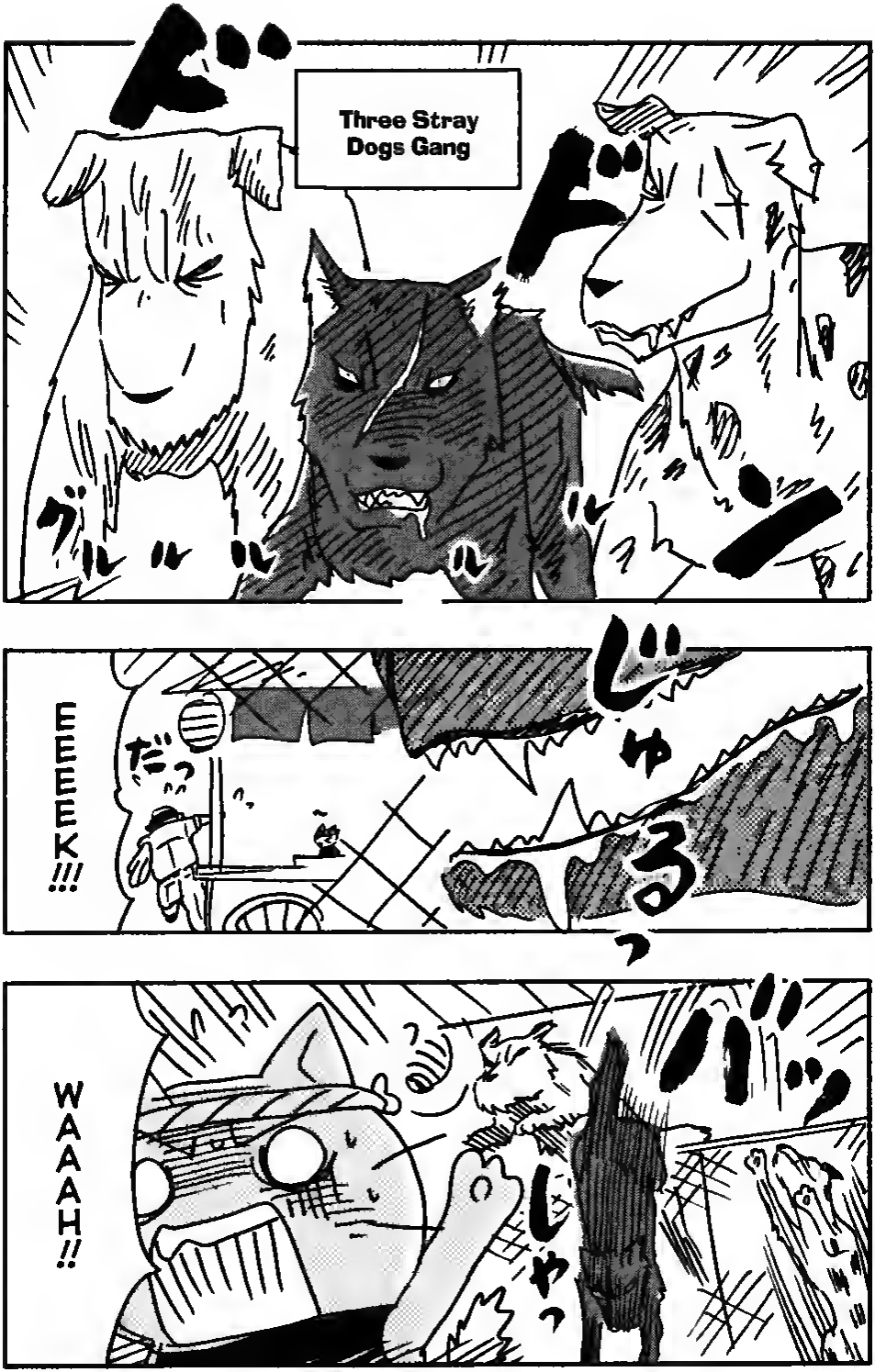
グルルルルルルル
Grrrrrr
Tremble
Tremble
Tremble


Three Stray Dogs Gang
EEEEK!!!
WAAAH!!

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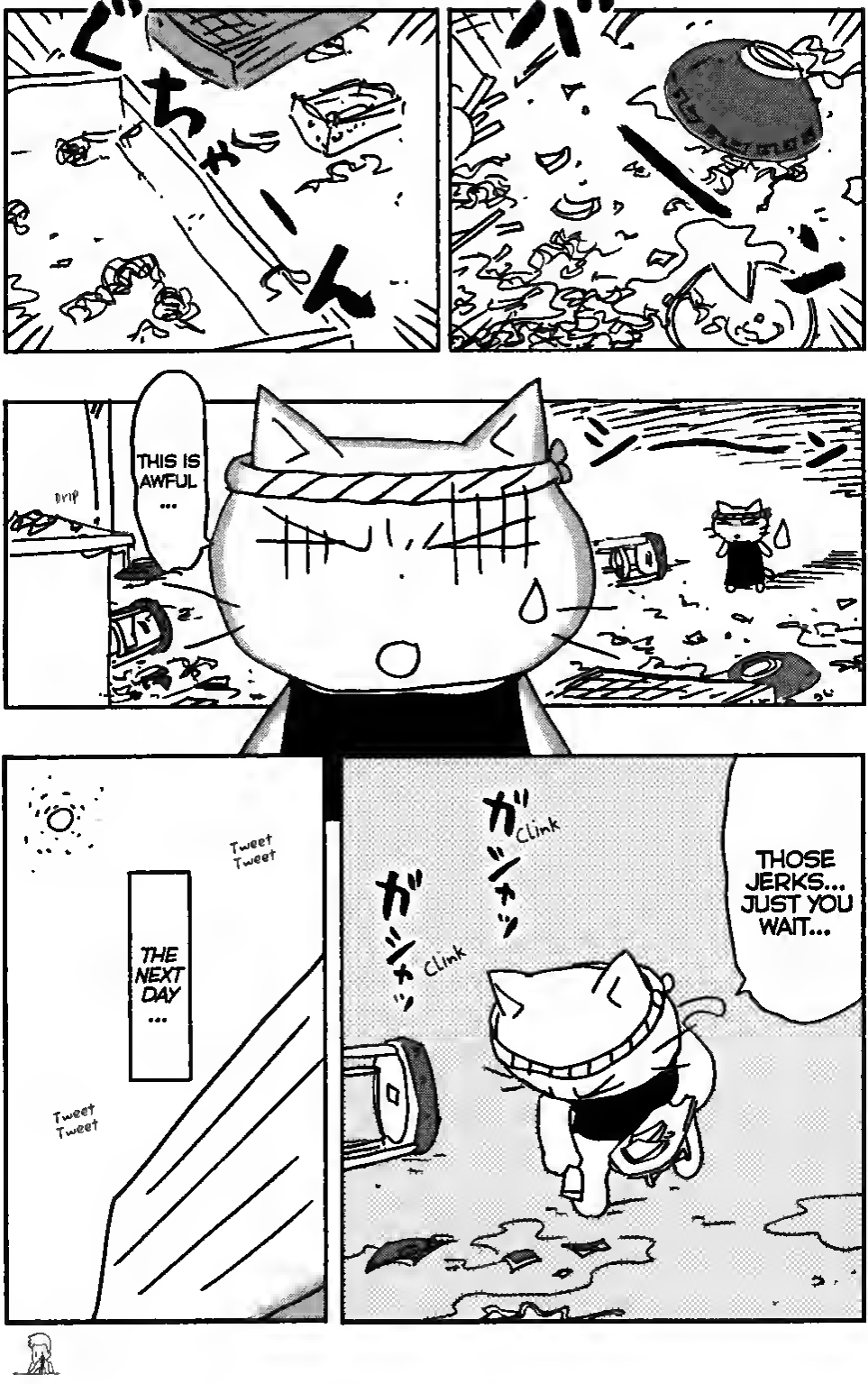
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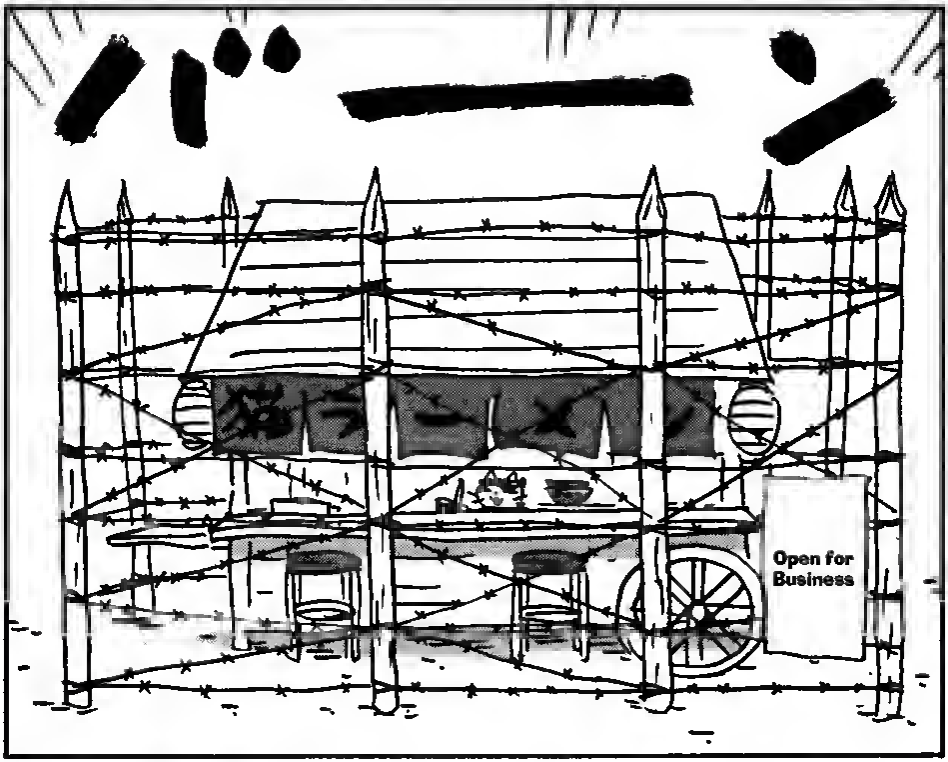
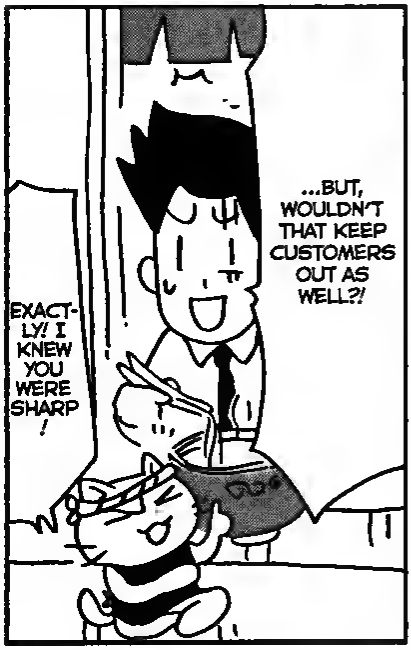
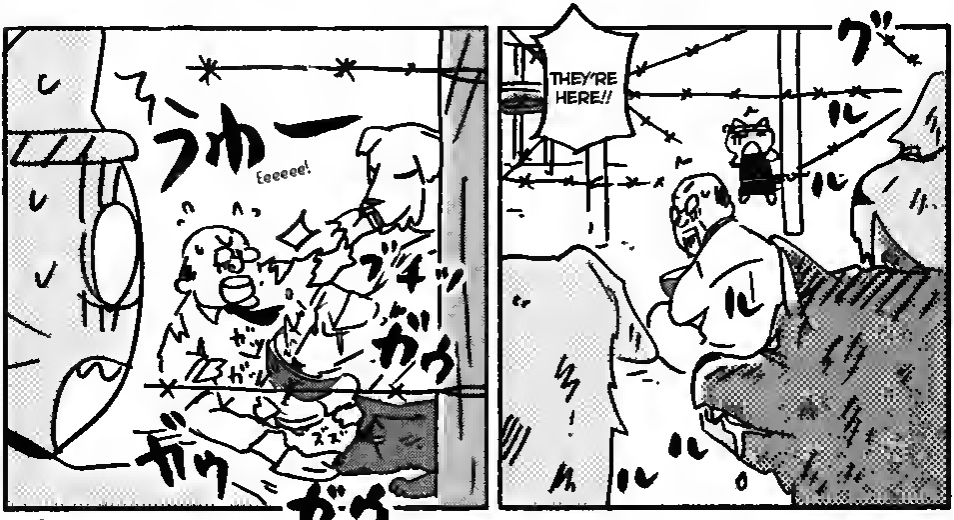
バ
THIS IS AWFUL ...
Drip
Tweet Tweet
THE NEXT DAY ...
Tweet Tweet
ガシャッ Clink
ガシャッ Clink
THOSE JERKS... JUST YOU WAIT...


Open for Business


EXACTLY! I KNEW YOU WERE SHARP!
...BUT, WOULDN'T THAT KEEP CUSTOMERS OUT AS WELL?!

COME ON IN, WELCOME, WELCOME!!
NOT EVEN THOSE GUYS WILL BE ABLE TO GET IN!!

THAT'S TERRIBLE !!
RIGHT...
GO AHEAD AND EAT ANYWHERE OVER THERE!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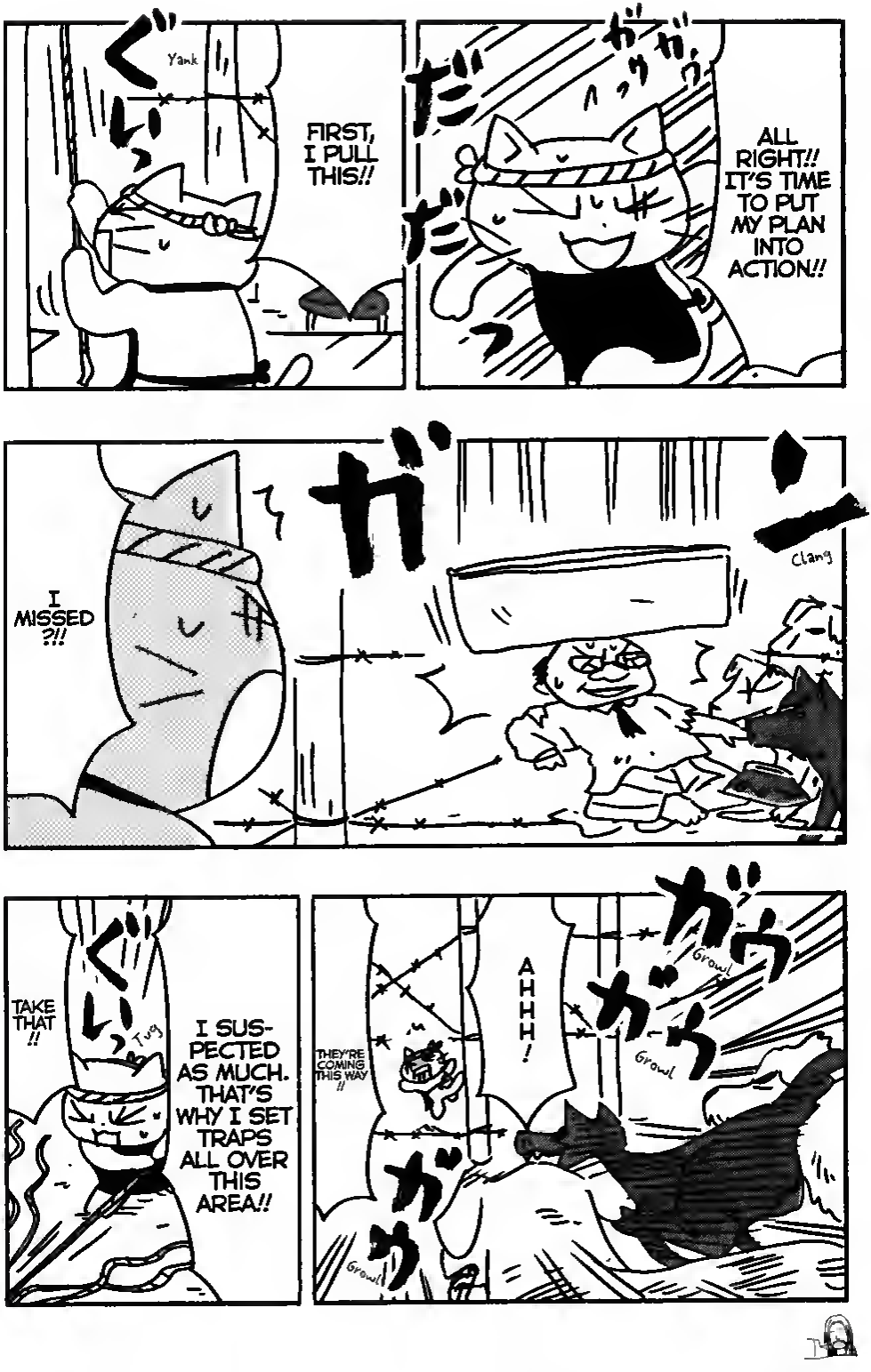
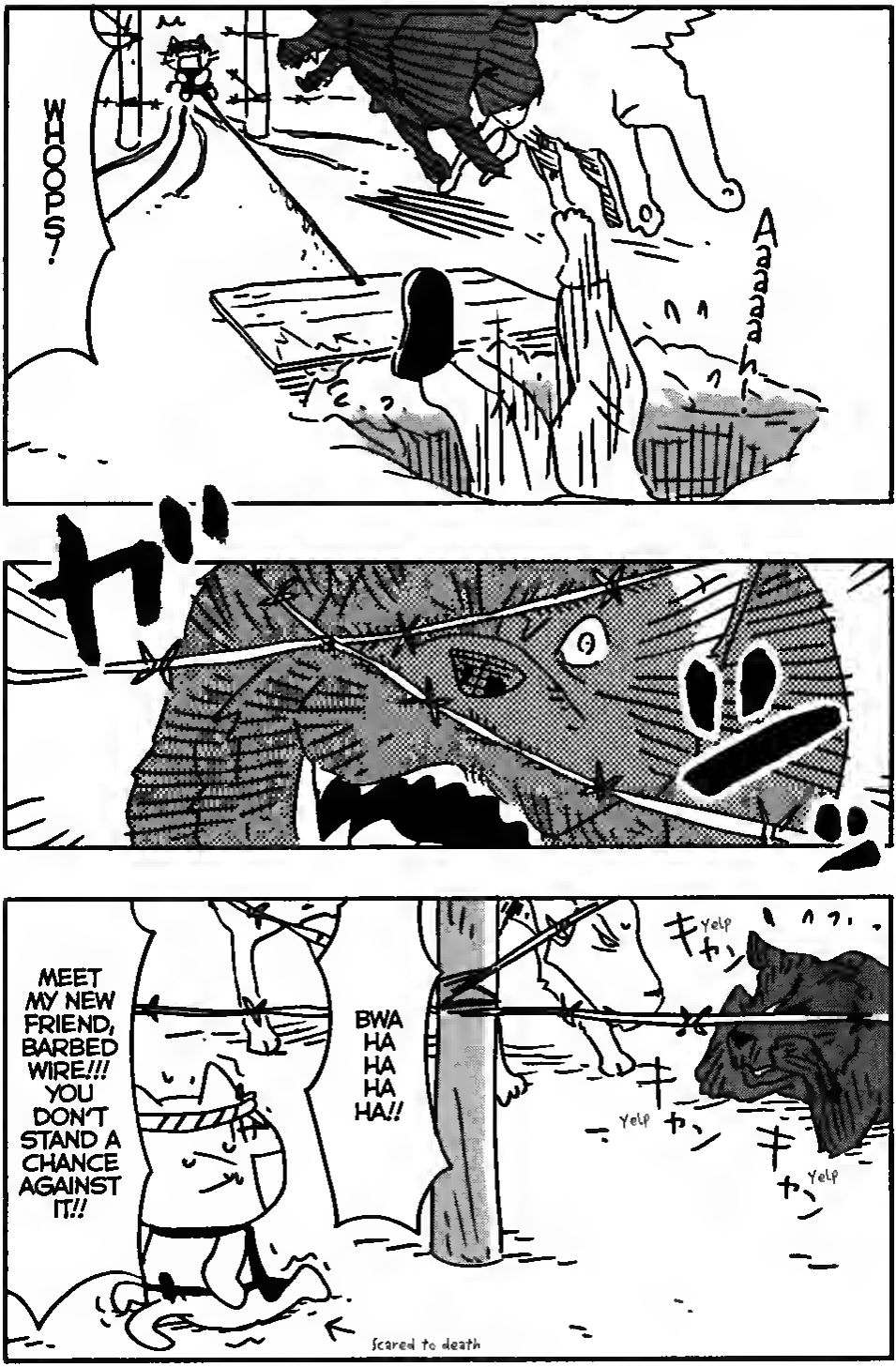
Eeeeee!
THEY'RE HERE!!


Yank
FIRST, I PULL THIS!!
ALL RIGHT!! IT'S TIME TO PUT MY PLAN INTO ACTION!!
I MISSED ?!!
Clang
TAKE THAT !!
Trap
I SUSPECTED AS MUCH. THAT'S WHY I SET TRAPS ALL OVER THIS AREA!!
THEY'RE COMING THIS WAY !!
AHHH!
Growl
Growl
Growl


WOOSH
AAAAAA
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MEET MY NEW FRIEND, BARBED WIRE!!! YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST IT!!
BWA HA HA HA HA!!
キャン Yelp
キャン Yelp
キャン Yelp
Scared to death

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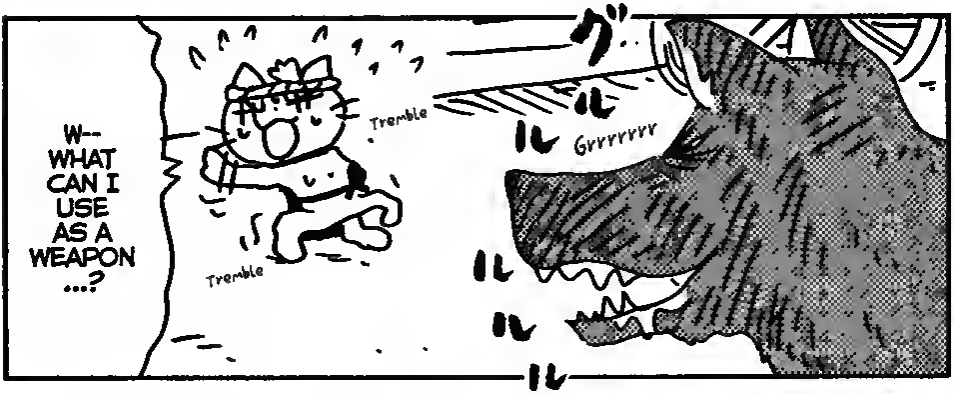
Pull
NO WAY!!!


W-- WHAT CAN I USE AS A WEAPON ...?
Tremble
Tremble
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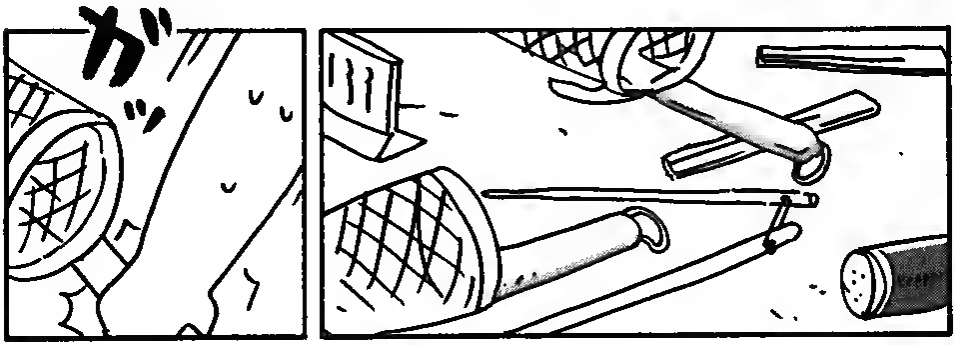
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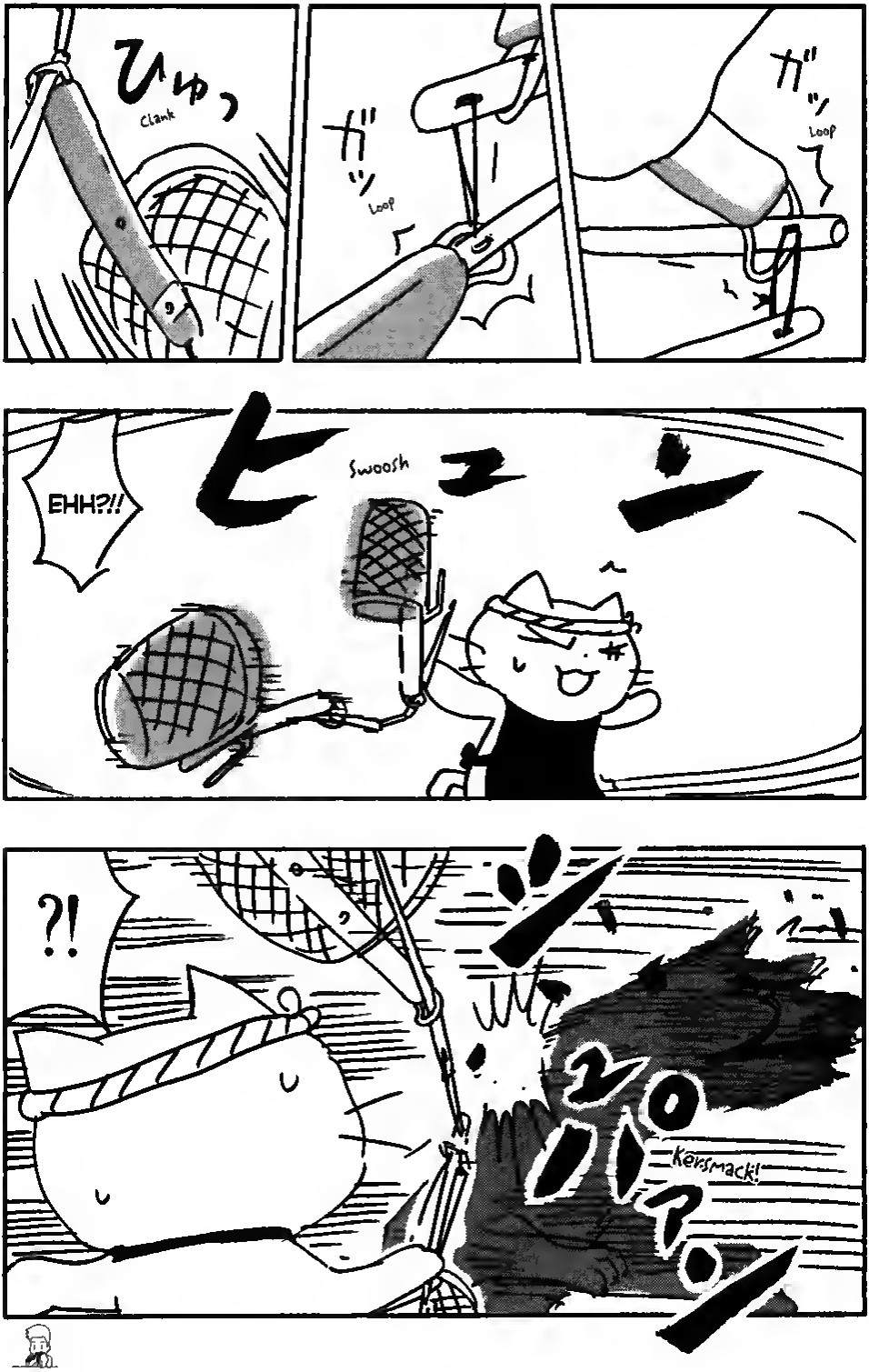
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Clank
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Loop
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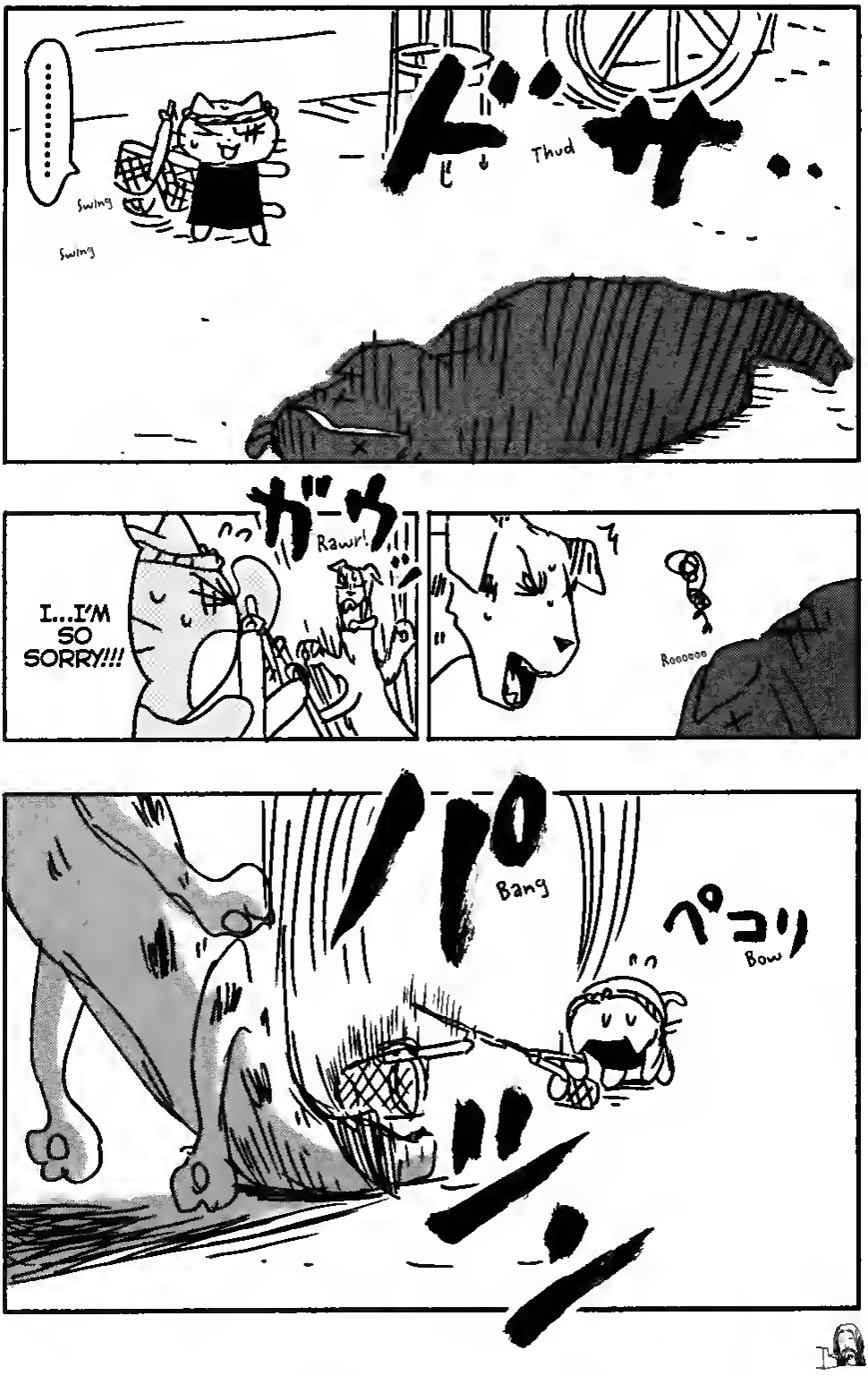
Loop
EHH?!!
ヒュー
Swoosh
?!
Kerrsmack!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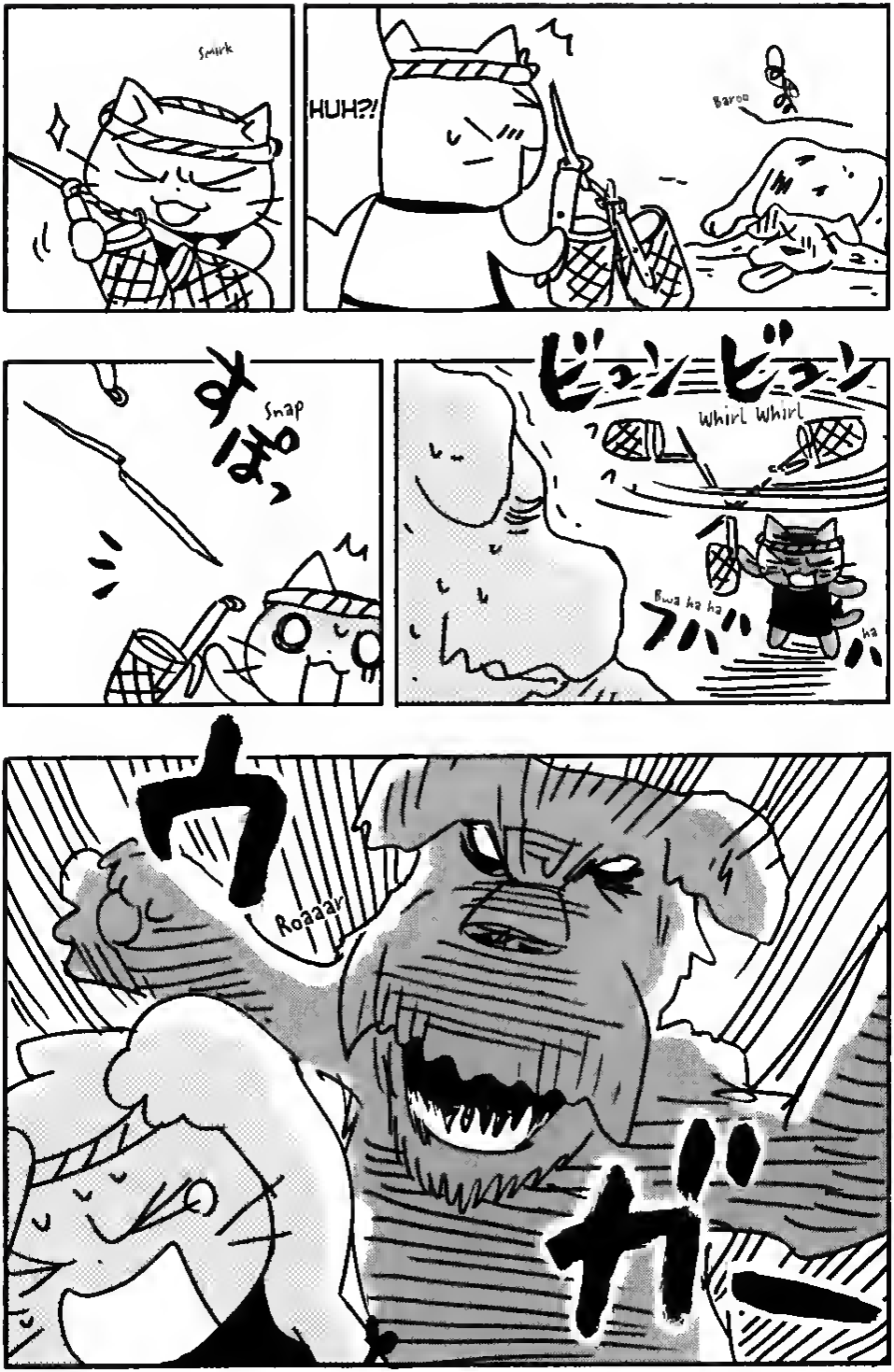
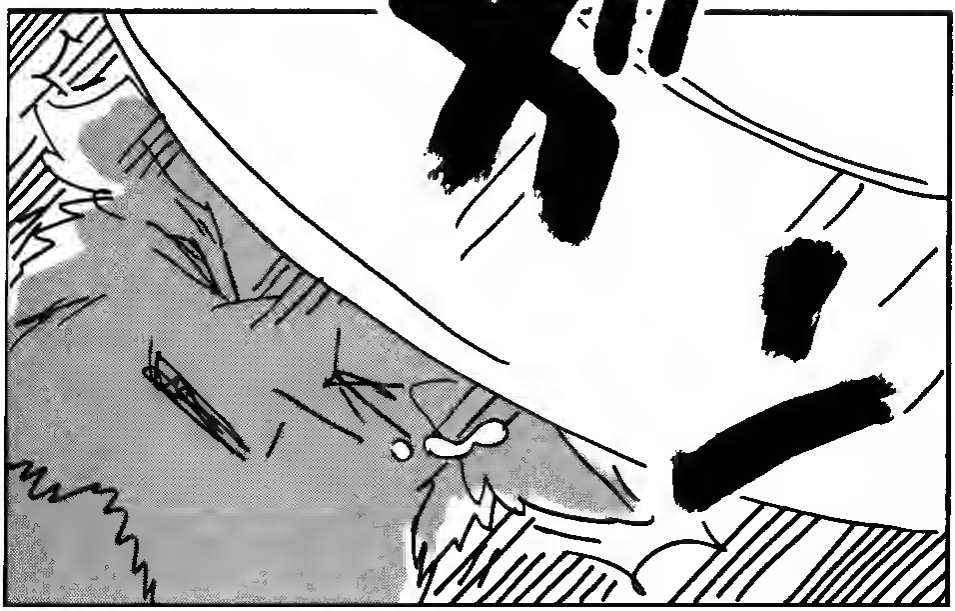
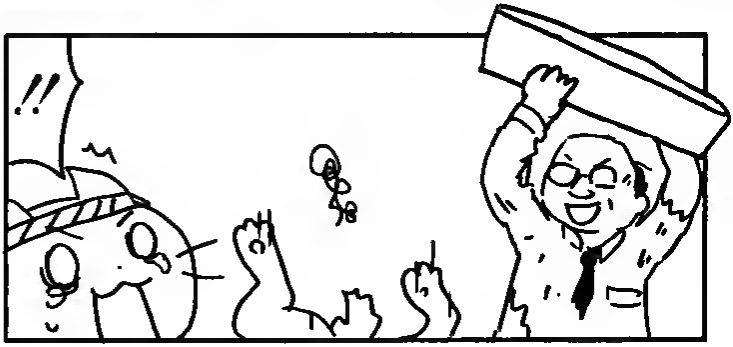
Swing
Swing
ドサ
Thud
ガウ
Rawr!
I...I'M SO SORRY!!!
Rooooo
Bang
ペコリ
Bow


Smirk
HUH?!
Baroo
Snap
ビュンビュン
Whirl Whirl
Bwa ha ha
Roaaar

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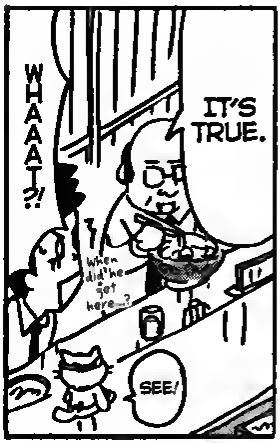
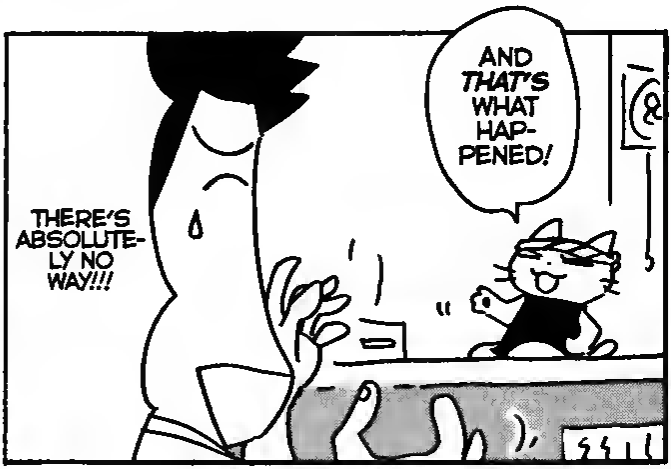

WHAAAT?!
IT'S TRUE.
When did he get here...?
SEE!


THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO WAY!!!
AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED!

Global Warming

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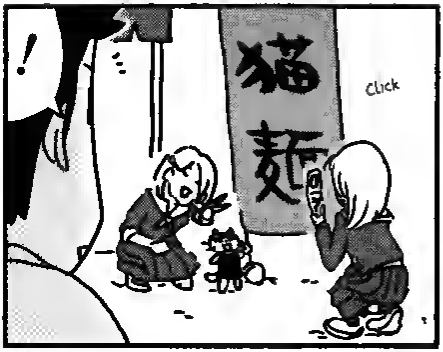
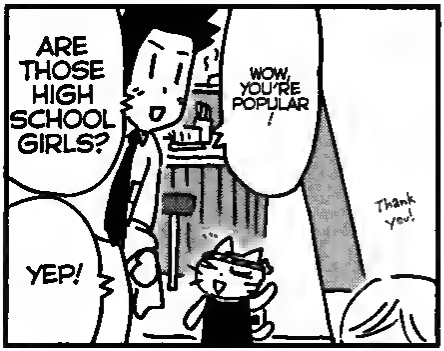
Shake Shake
TAISHO, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HEADBAND AND APRON?
OH! I'M NOT WEARING THEM TODAY!
Shake
Shake
I'M GOING GREEN! BEING LIKE THIS KEEPS ME FROM GETTING TOO HOT!
OH?! HOW COME ?!
It looks like an ordinary cat is cooking
NOT ONLY HAVE YOU GOT IT COMPLETELY WRONG ...
BUT IT'S CREEPY.

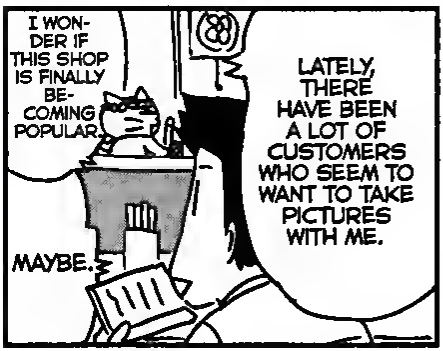
猫ラーメン

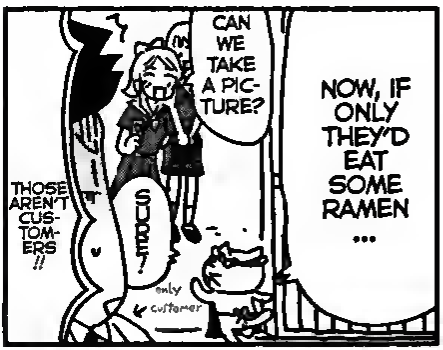
Chapter 13

A POPULAR SHOP






I WONDER IF THIS SHOP IS FINALLY BECOMING POPULAR.
MAYBE.
LATELY, THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF CUSTOMERS WHO SEEM TO WANT TO TAKE PICTURES WITH ME.



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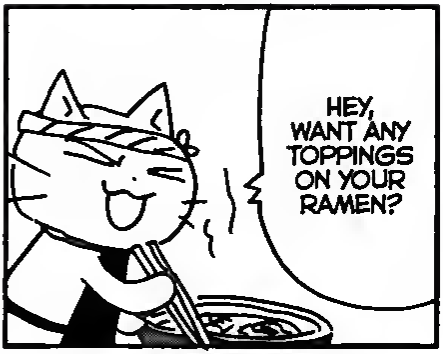
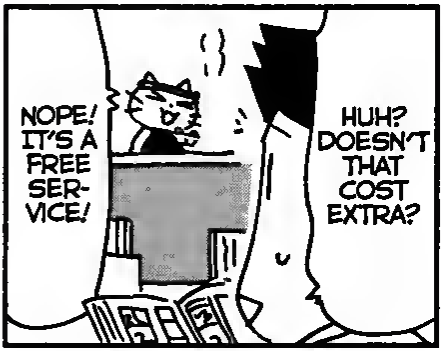
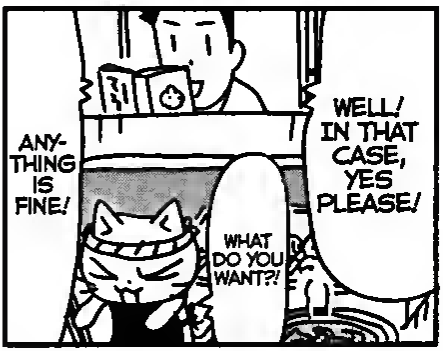
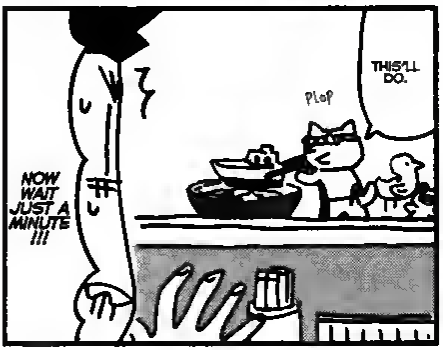
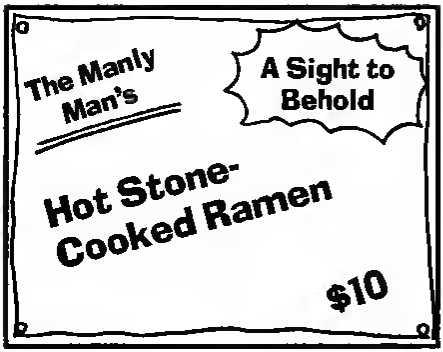
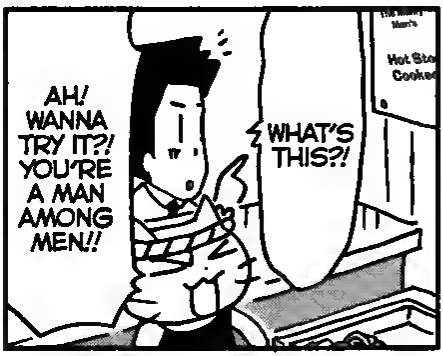




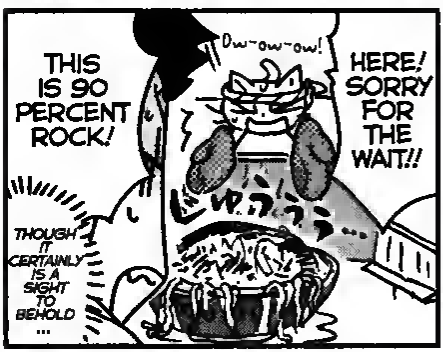


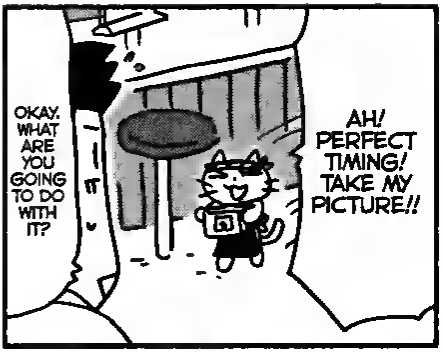


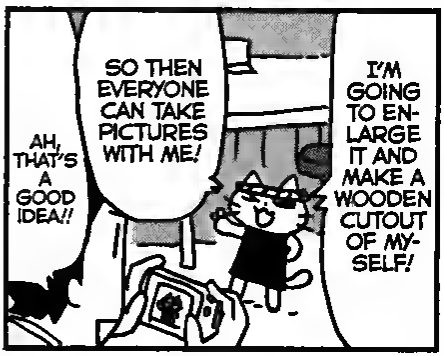

The Manly Man's
A Sight to Behold
Hot Stone-Cooked Ramen
$10


AH! WANNA TRY IT?! YOU'RE A MAN AMONG MEN!!
WHAT'S THIS?!

Yaaa!!
Slam


THIS IS 90 PERCENT ROCK!
Ow-ow-ow!
HERE! SORRY FOR THE WAIT!!
THOUGH IT CERTAINLY IS A SIGHT TO BEHOLD ...

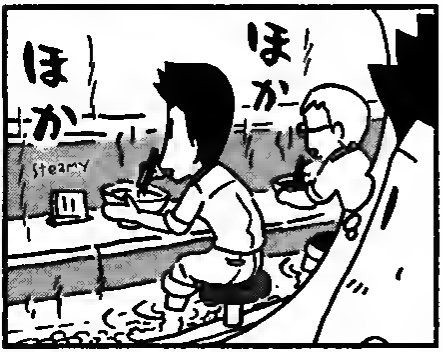

OKAY. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH IT?
AH! PERFECT TIMING! TAKE MY PICTURE!!

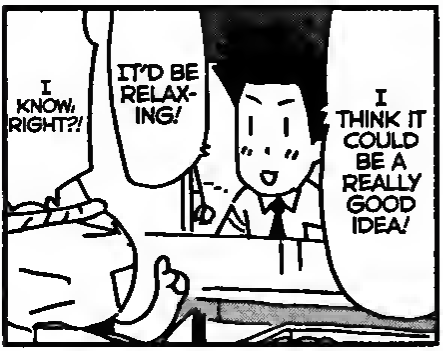

AH, THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!!
SO THEN EVERYONE CAN TAKE PICTURES WITH ME!
I'M GOING TO ENLARGE IT AND MAKE A WOODEN CUTOUT OF MYSELF!

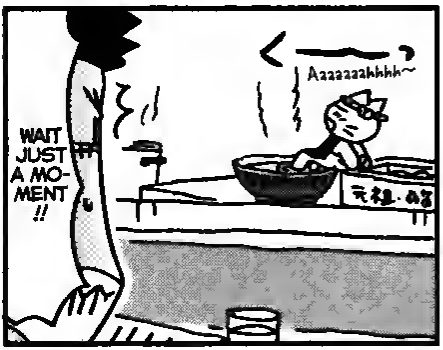
Taisho

HUH?! NO WONDER!
IT'S BEEN NOTHING BUT KIDS ALL DAY!!
Taisho
Not yet.
It's my turn next.

Footbath Ramen







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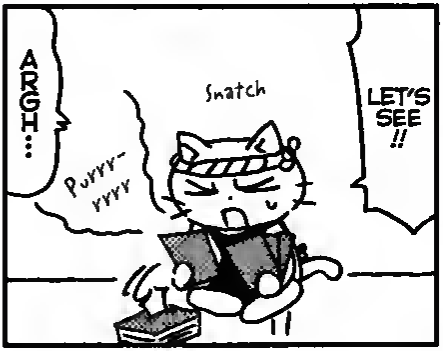

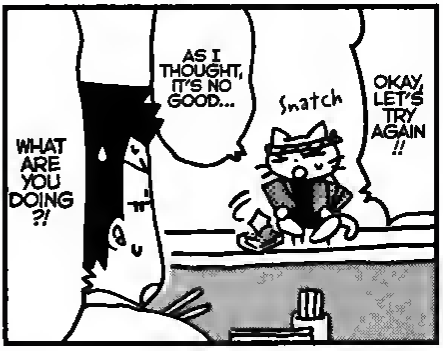

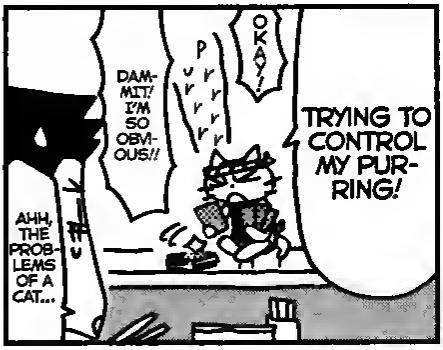

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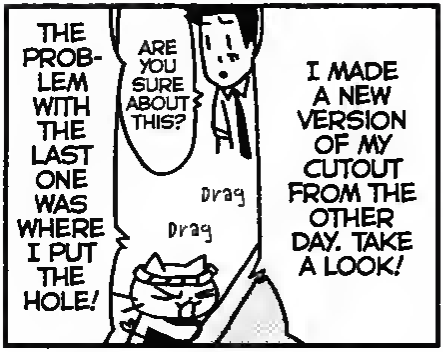
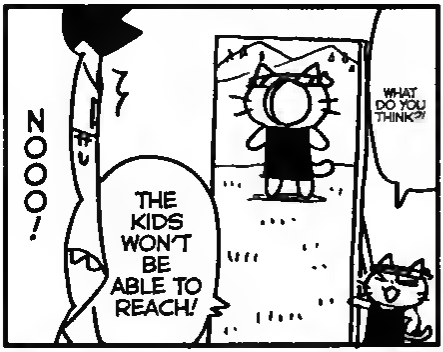
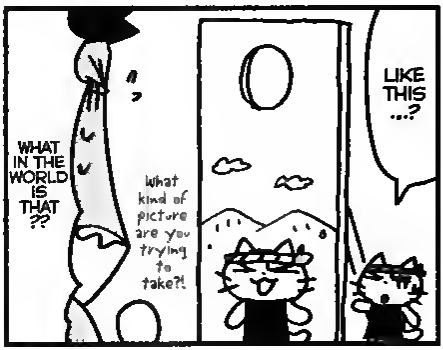
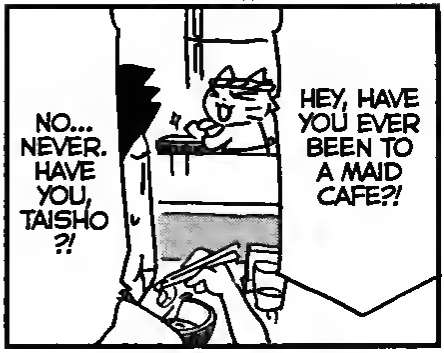
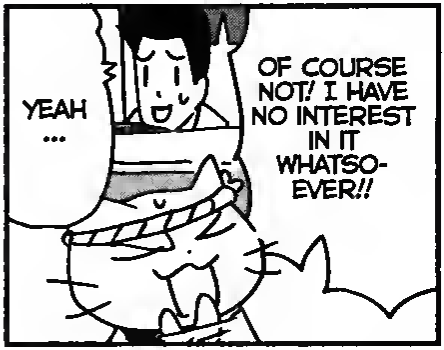

THE PROBLEM WITH THE LAST ONE WAS WHERE I PUT THE HOLE!
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
Drag
Drag
I MADE A NEW VERSION OF MY CUTOUT FROM THE OTHER DAY. TAKE A LOOK!





Maid Cafe





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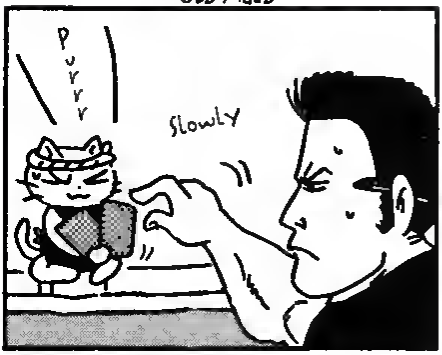
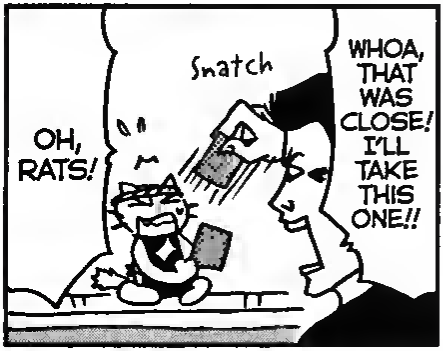
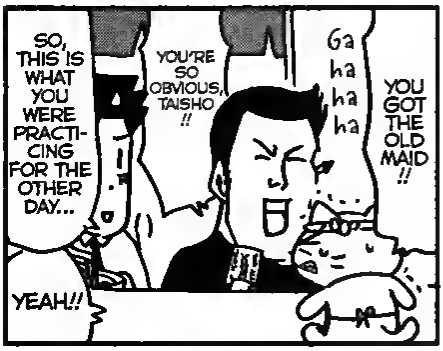
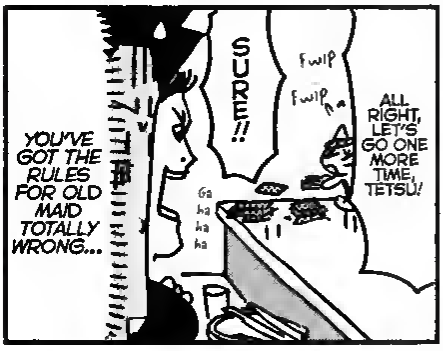
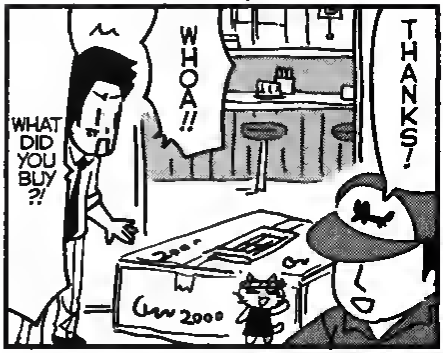


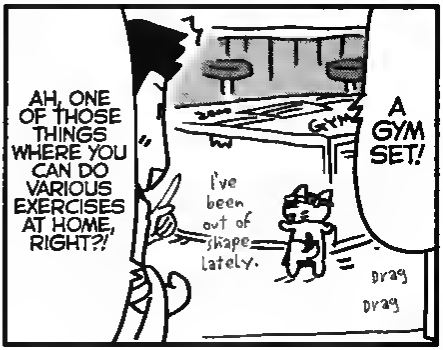


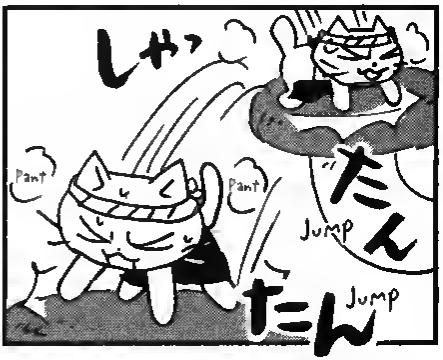


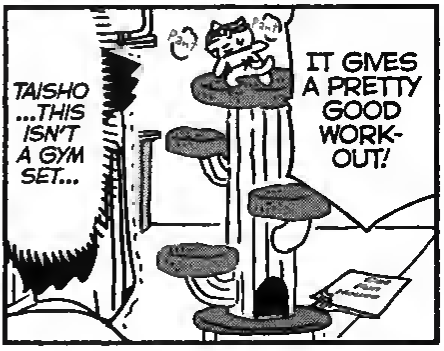


GYM SET

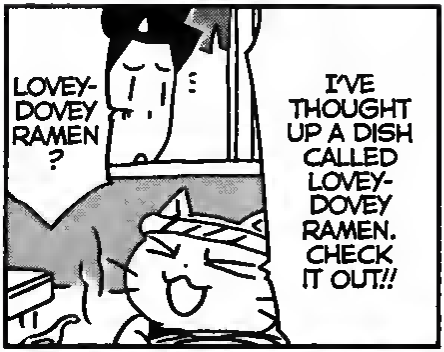


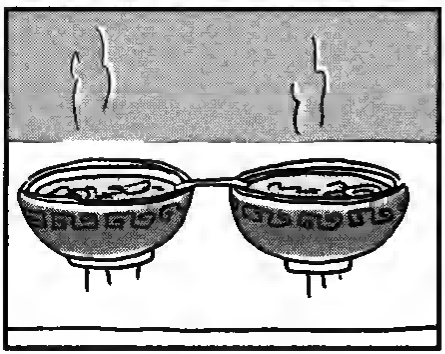


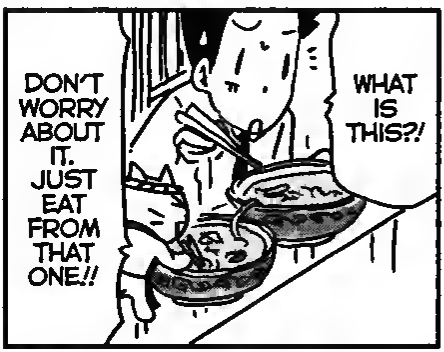




Lovey-Dovey Ramen







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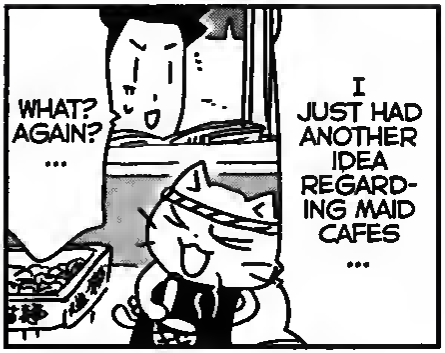

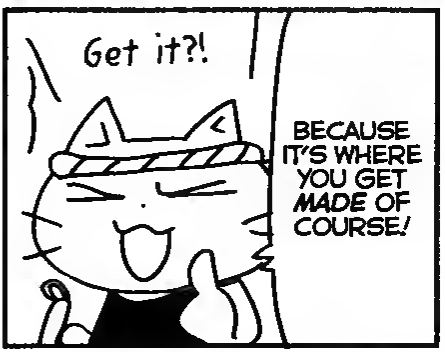

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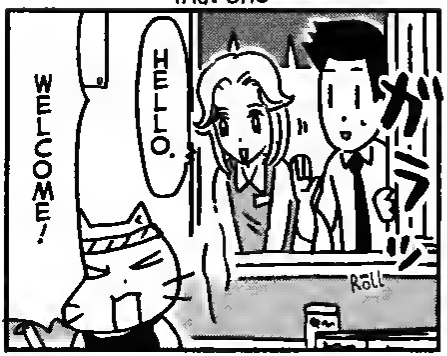

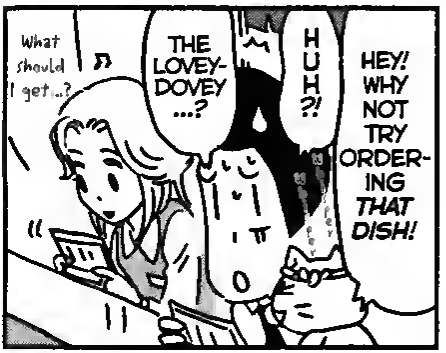

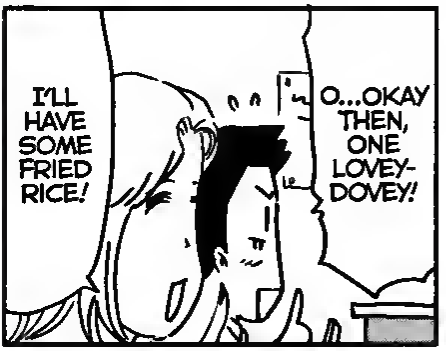

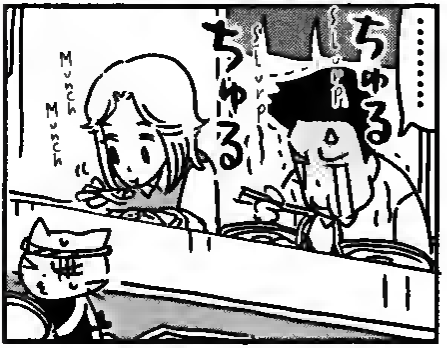

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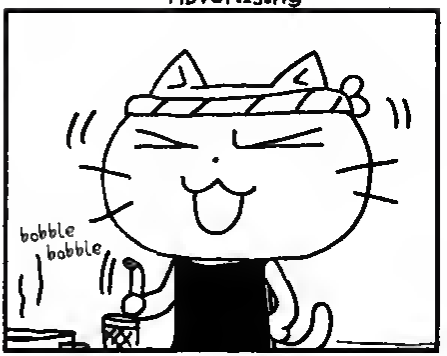
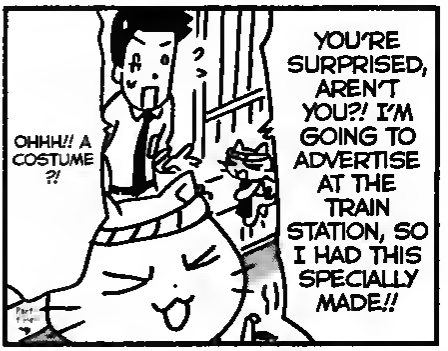
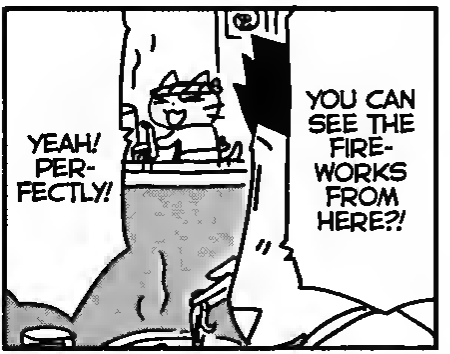
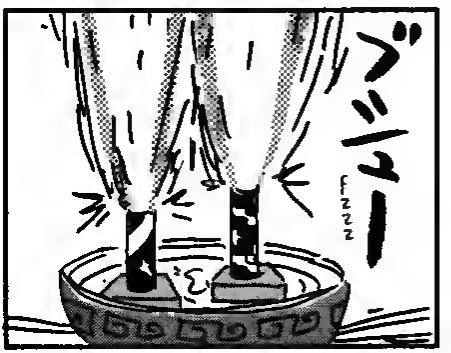
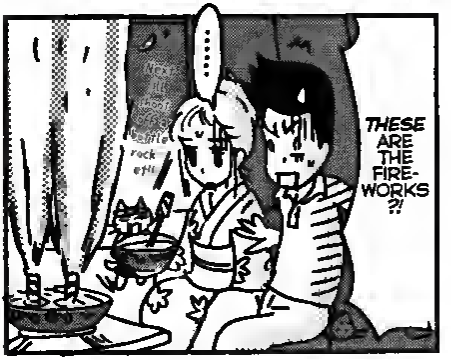




It's fireworks season
All seats command an excellent view!
Eat ramen while watching the fireworks!
Now accepting reservations. —Management







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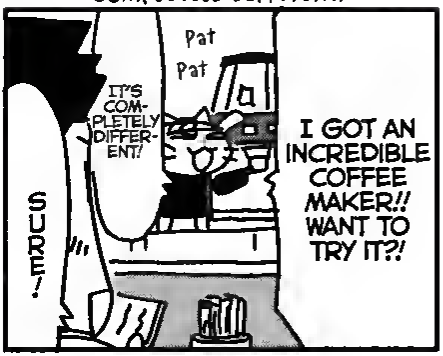

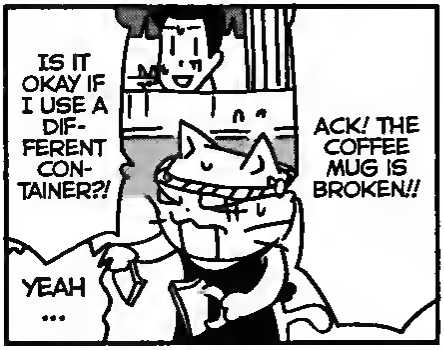

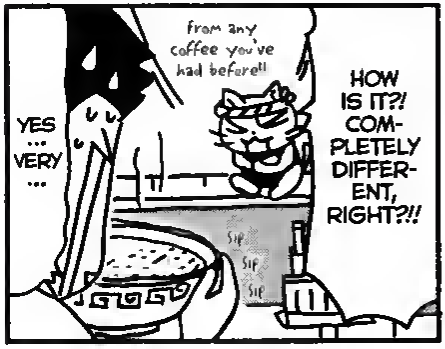

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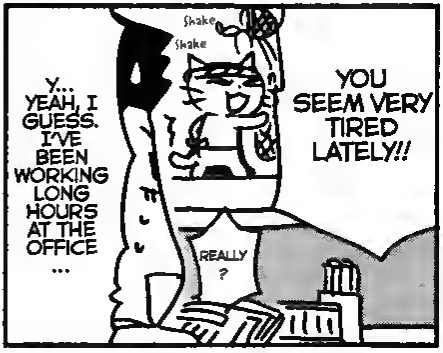

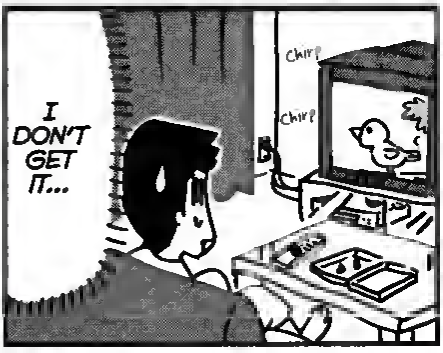

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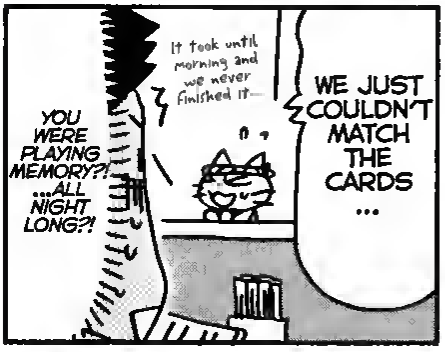
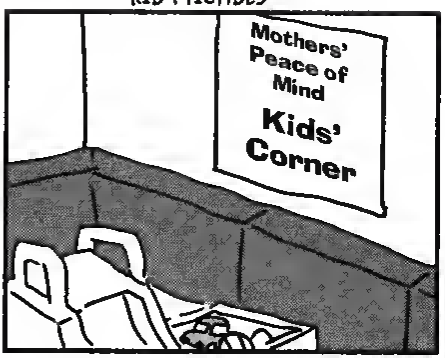
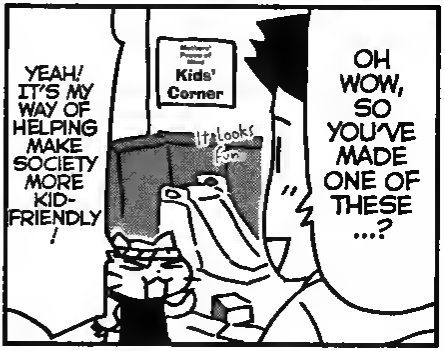
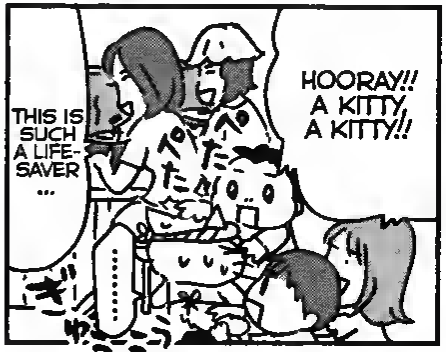


Kid Friendly







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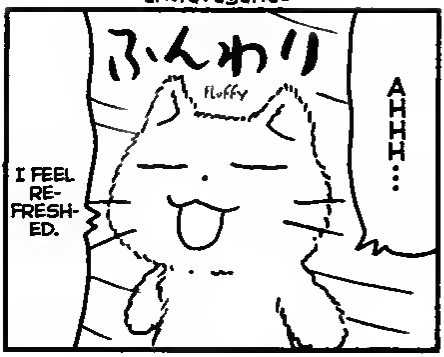
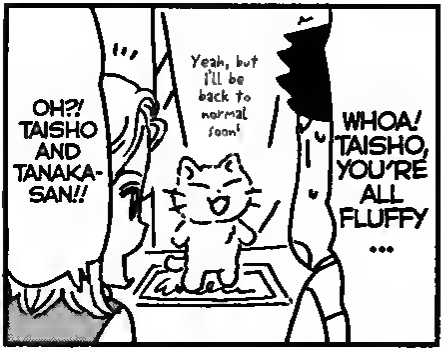
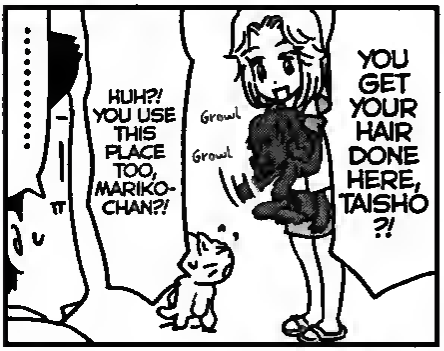
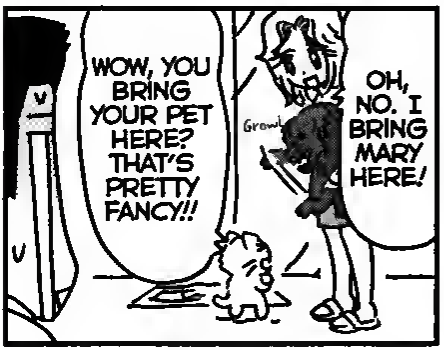
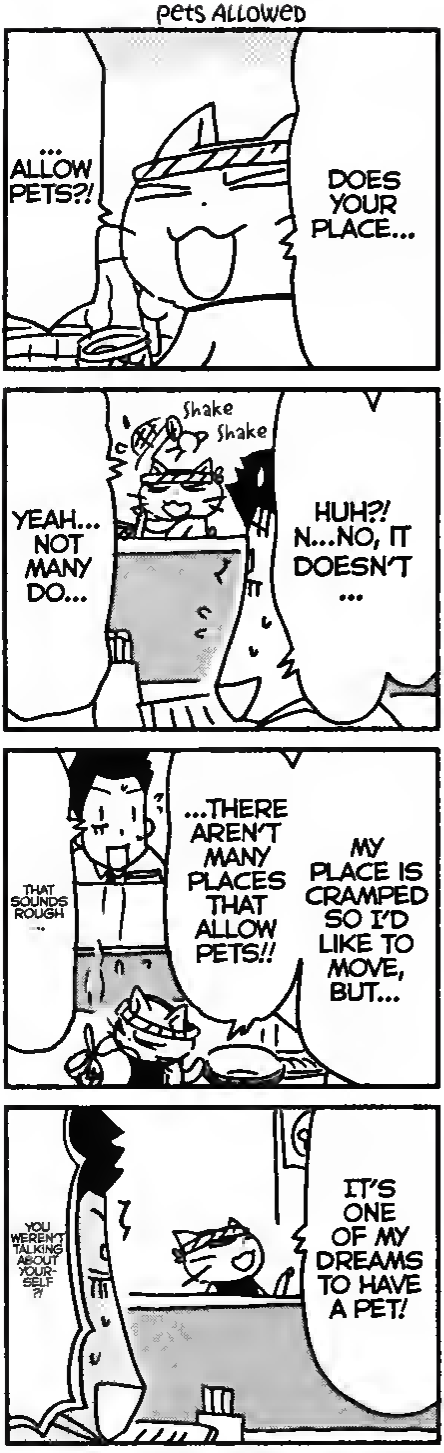


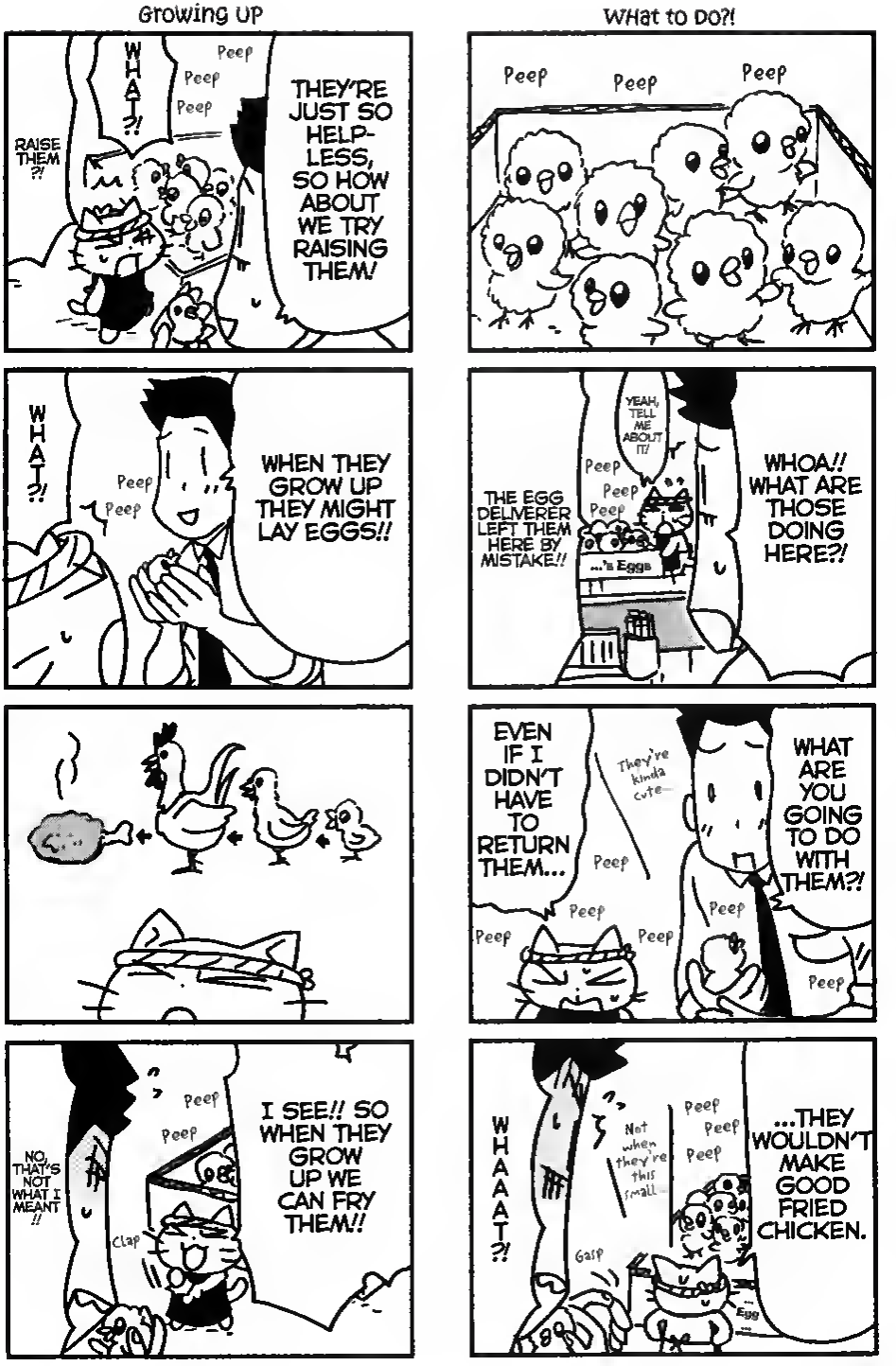




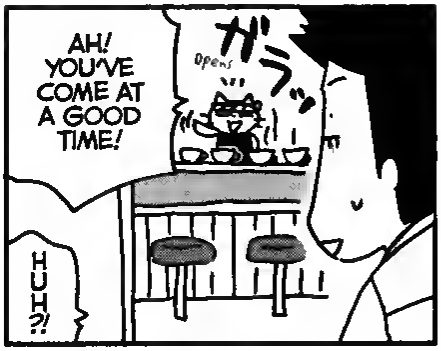


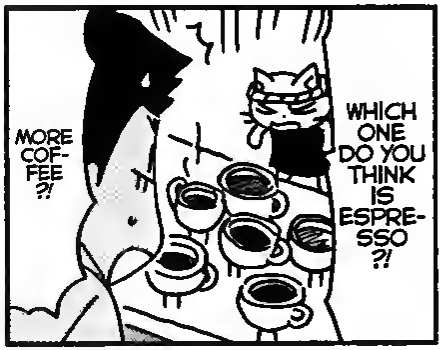
Beauty Salon

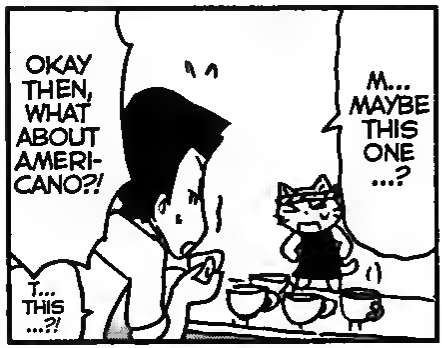

Pets Allowed
...ALLOW PETS?!
DOES YOUR PLACE...
Shake Shake
YEAH... NOT MANY DO...
HUH?! N...NO, IT DOESN'T ...
THAT SOUNDS ROUGH...
...THERE AREN'T MANY PLACES THAT ALLOW PETS!!
MY PLACE IS CRAMPED SO I'D LIKE TO MOVE, BUT...
YOU WEREN'T TALKING ABOUT YOURSELF?!
IT'S ONE OF MY DREAMS TO HAVE A PET!
Again
HUH?!
Pour
WANT SOME COFFEE?!
Sip Sip
Really?
THIS TIME I'M ALL PREPARED WITH BEANS AND CUPS!!
IT'S ALL RIGHT!!
Pour
どろー
Sludge
Sludge
EVEN YOU CAN TELL THAT'S DISGUSTING, RIGHT?
.....SEE!

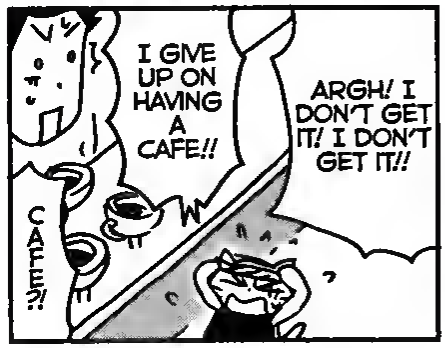

Growing UP
What to DO?!
WHAT?!
Peep
Peep
Peep
RAISE THEM?!
THEY'RE JUST SO HELP-LESS, SO HOW ABOUT WE TRY RAISING THEM!
Peep
Peep
Peep
WHAT?!
Peep
Peep
WHEN THEY GROW UP THEY MIGHT LAY EGGS!!
YEAH, TELL ME ABOUT IT!
Peep
Peep
Peep
...'s Eggs
THE EGG DELIVERER LEFT THEM HERE BY MISTAKE!!
WHOA!! WHAT ARE THOSE DOING HERE?!
EVEN IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO RETURN THEM...
They're kinda cute—
Peep
Peep
Peep
Peep
Peep
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THEM?!
Peep
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!!
Peep
Peep
Clap
I SEE!! SO WHEN THEY GROW UP WE CAN FRY THEM!!
WHAAAAT?!
Not when they're this small...
Peep
Peep
Peep
Gasp
...THEY WOULDN'T MAKE GOOD FRIED CHICKEN.
Egg

Giving up









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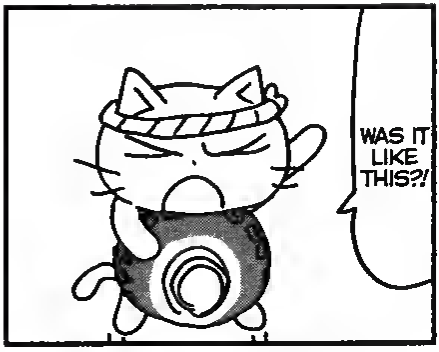
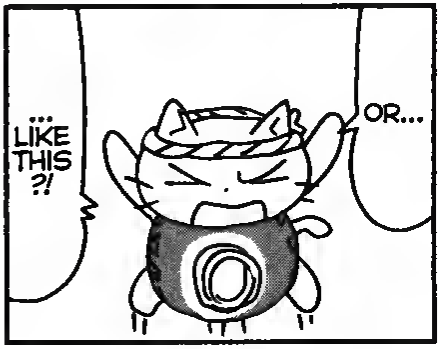
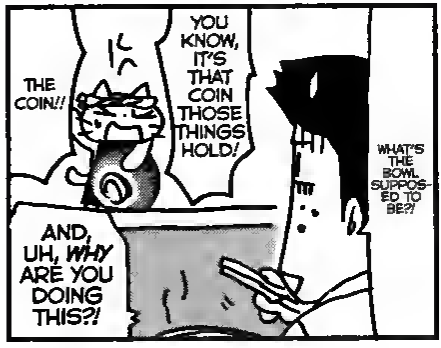
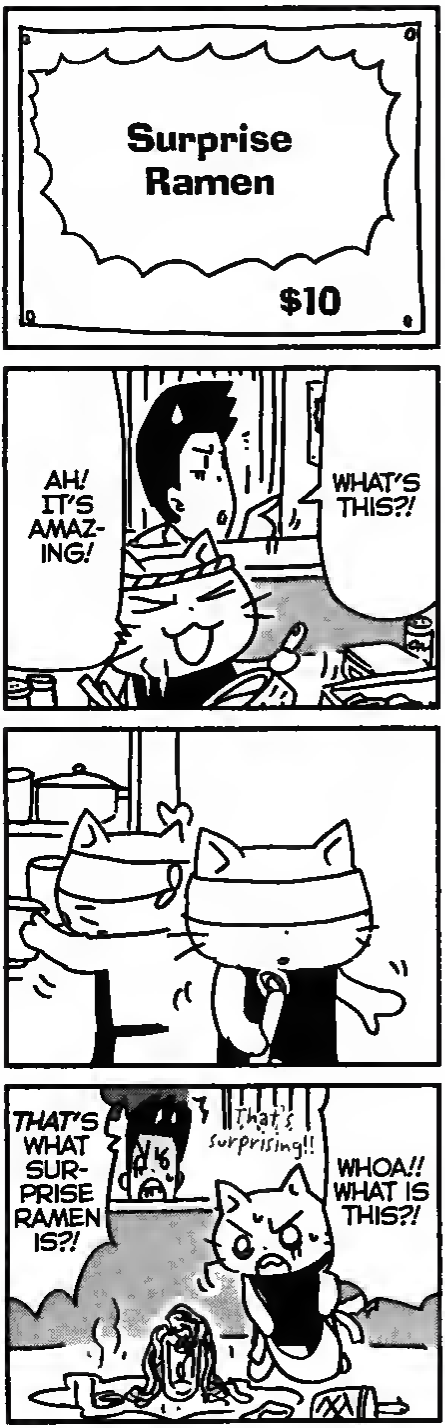






caught on
HUH?!
Peep
Peep
Peep
Peep
Peep
+ $3
SOUNDS GOOD!
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT ADDING A SALAD AND SOUP BAR FOR AN EXTRA THREE DOLLARS ?!
Ramen
Chick Set $8
Cheap
Salad Bar
Bean Sprouts
Corn
Fish Cakes
Onions
One chick!
IT STARTED OUT AS A JOKE...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
Soup Bar
Miso
Shoyu
Shio
WHAAAT?!
We'd like four!
Chick delivery!
Peep
Thud
Peep
Peep
Chicks!
Chicks!
Great, they're here!
BUT IT'S REALLY CAUGHT ON!!
Soup Bar
Salad
EXACTLY!!
AREN'T THESE JUST THE RAMEN TOP-PINGS AND BROTH?!

Surprise Ramen



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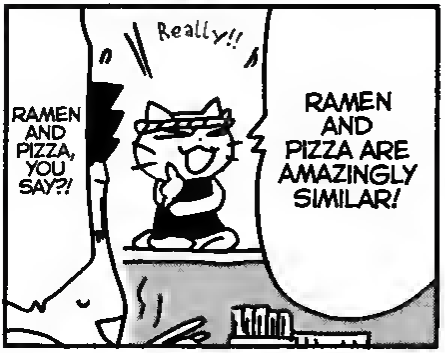
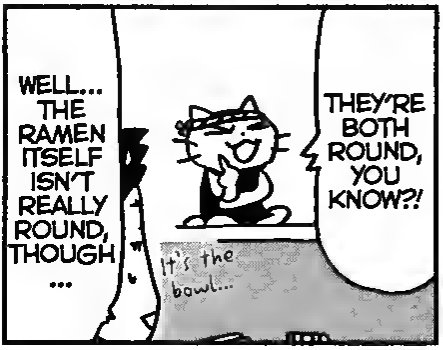
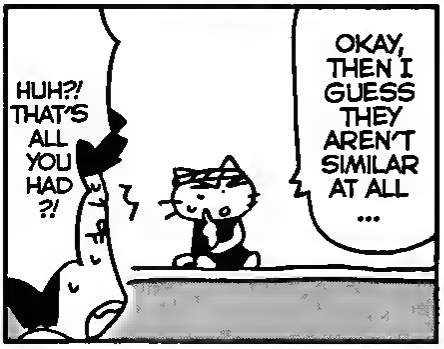
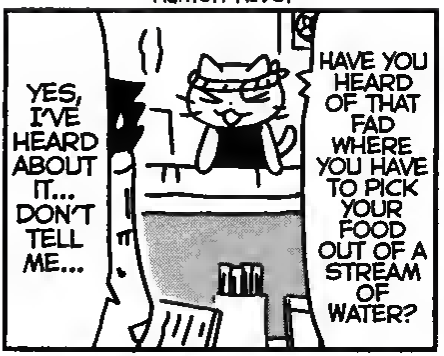
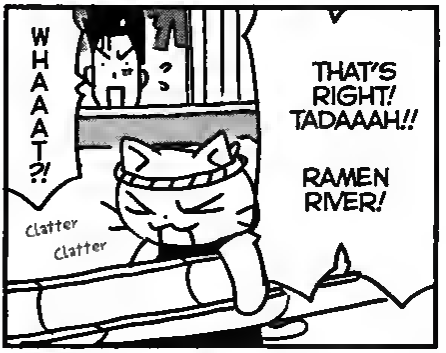


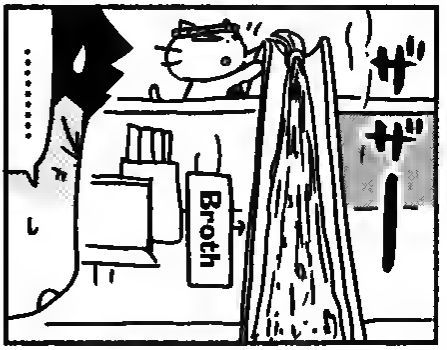


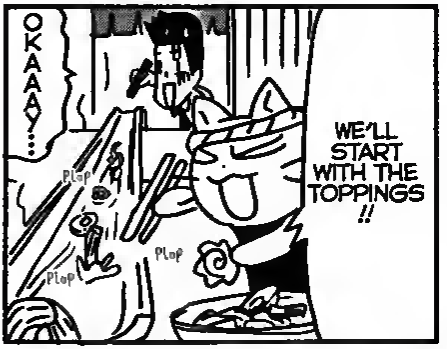


Ramen River



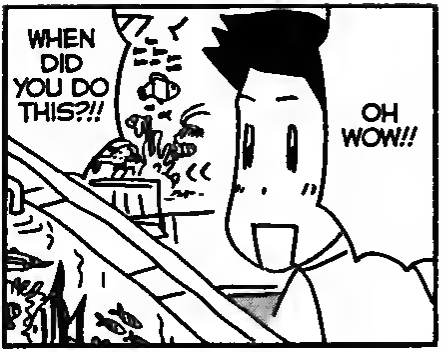


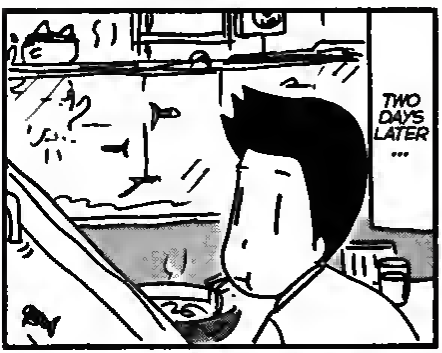


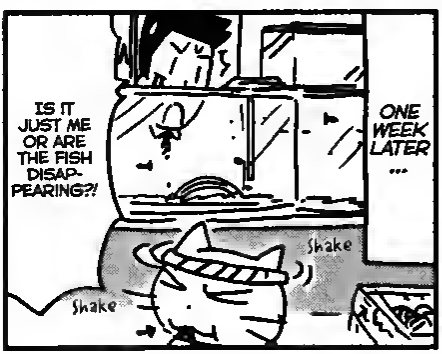


Digital Camera
Roll
YEAH! I THOUGHT I'D PUT PICTURES ON THE MENU!
TAISHO, YOU BOUGHT A DIGITAL CAMERA?
THAT SOUNDS GOOD!
THE CAMERA TAKES PRETTY GOOD PICTURES, EH?!
Now I can't even read the menu
YOU CHOSE THIS PICTURE ?!
Ramen Revolution
Ramen Revolution
Deep-fried Tofu Ramen
$7.50
Champ
THE FRIED TOFU DOESN'T GO WELL WITH RAMEN AT ALL!
UGH !!
Ramen Revolution
Deep-fried Tofu ~~Ramen~~ Udon
$7.50
YES, BUT THIS IS A RAMEN SHOP ...
Right?! Right?!
NOW IT TASTES FINE, RIGHT ?!!

Ramen Aquarium







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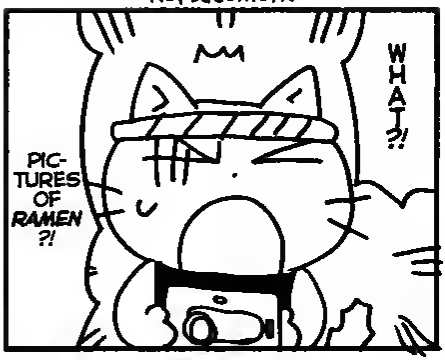

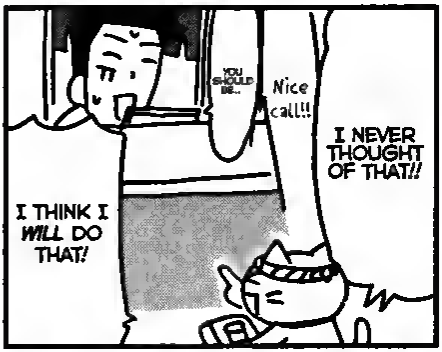

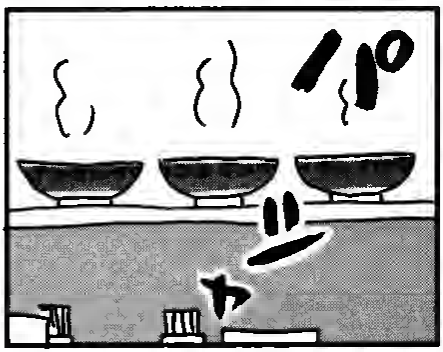

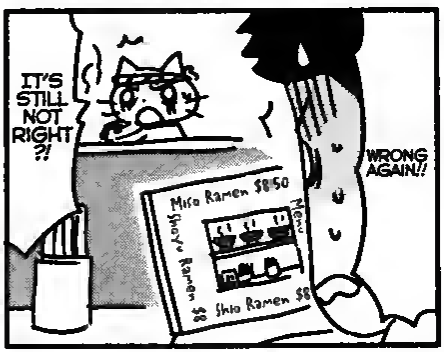

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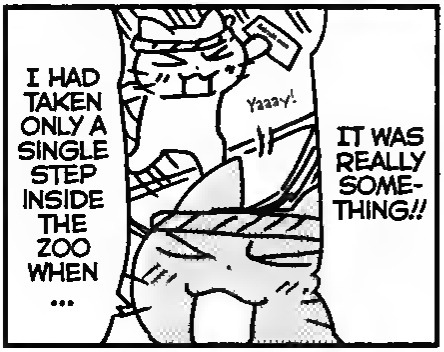

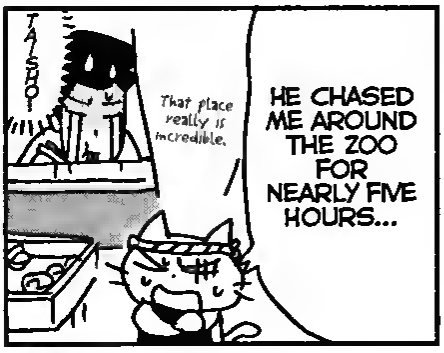

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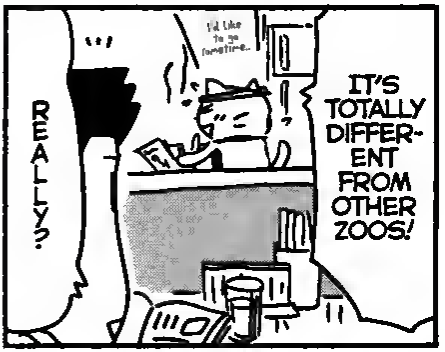

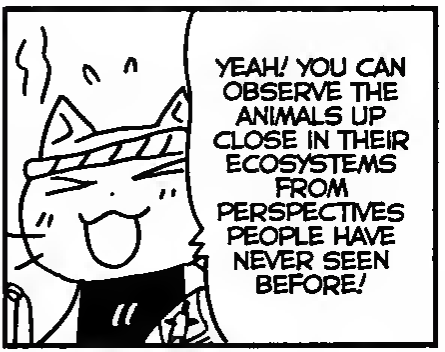

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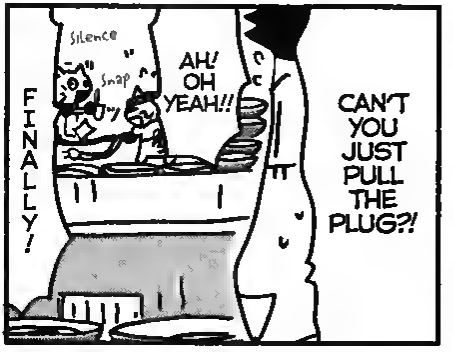

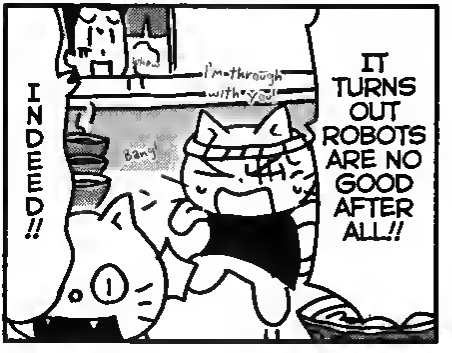

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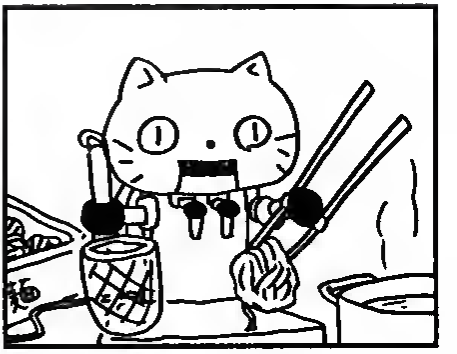
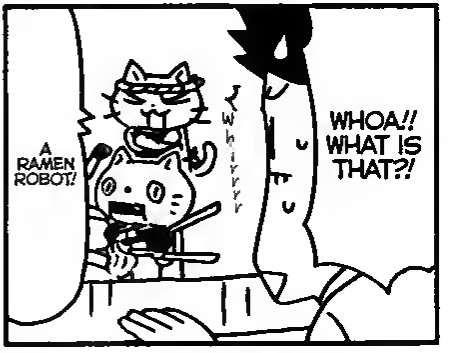
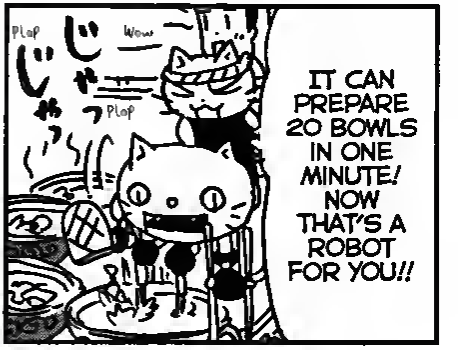
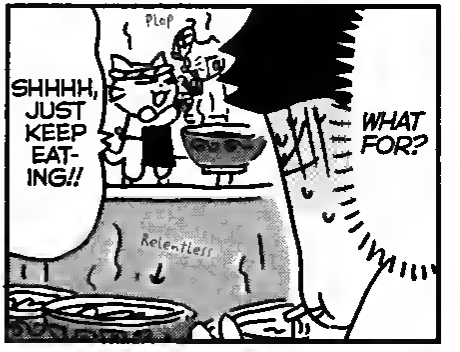
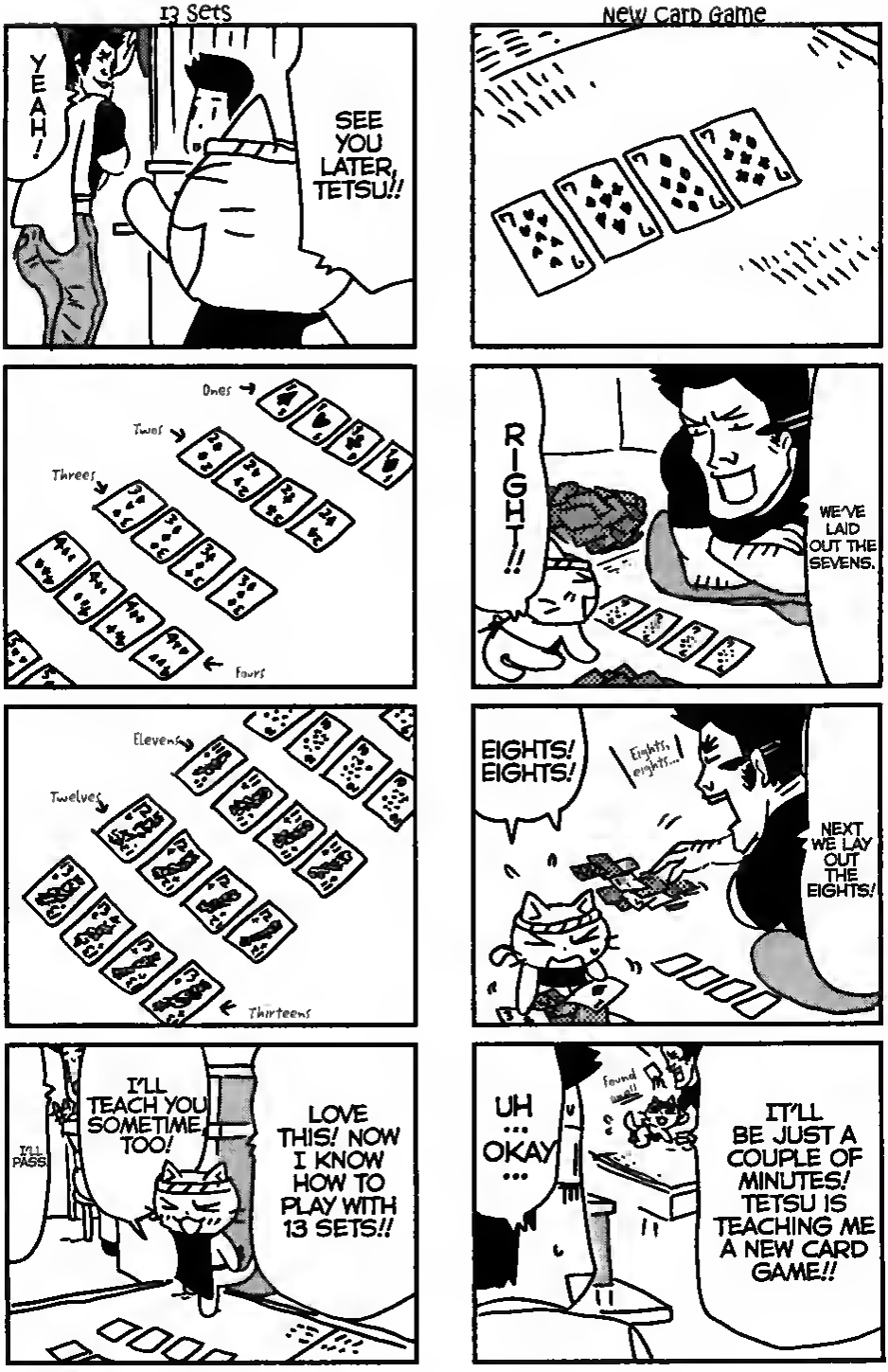


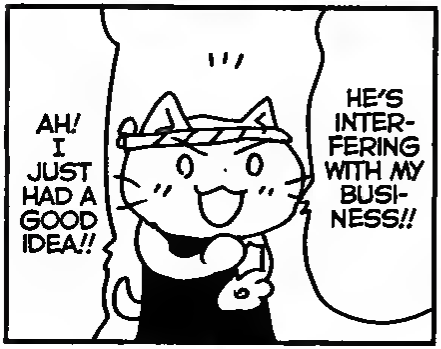







13 Sets
YEAH!
SEE YOU LATER, TETSU!!
New Card Game
Ones
Twos
Threes
Fours
RIGHT!!
WE'VE LAID OUT THE SEVENS.
Elevens
Twelves
Thirteens
EIGHTS! EIGHTS!
Eights, eights...
NEXT WE LAY OUT THE EIGHTS!
I'LL PASS
I'LL TEACH YOU SOMETIME TOO!
LOVE THIS! NOW I KNOW HOW TO PLAY WITH 13 SETS!!
UH ... OKAY ...
Found one!
IT'LL BE JUST A COUPLE OF MINUTES! TETSU IS TEACHING ME A NEW CARD GAME!!

Countermeasure



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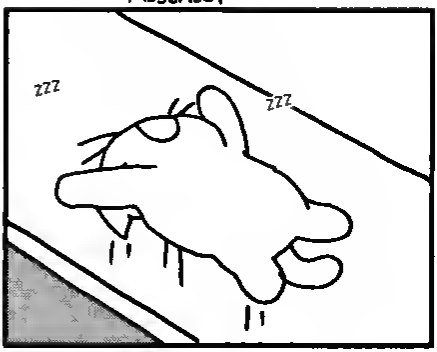

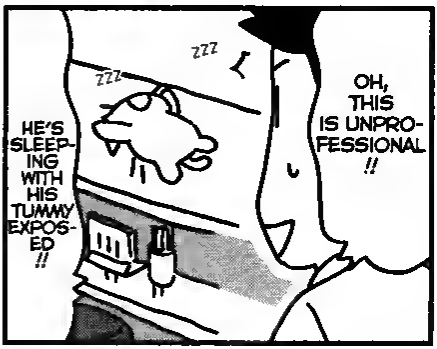

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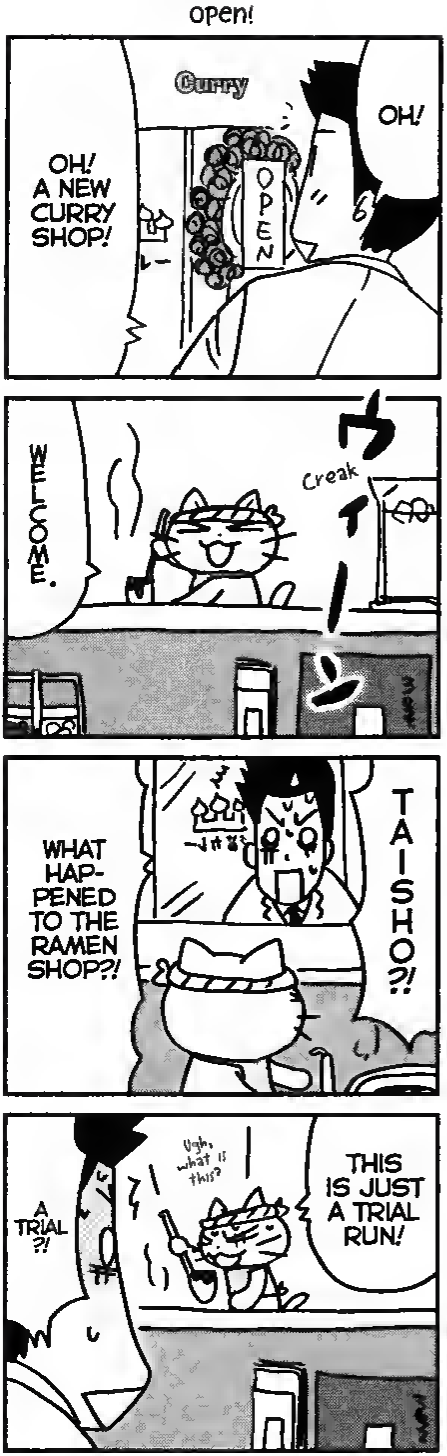
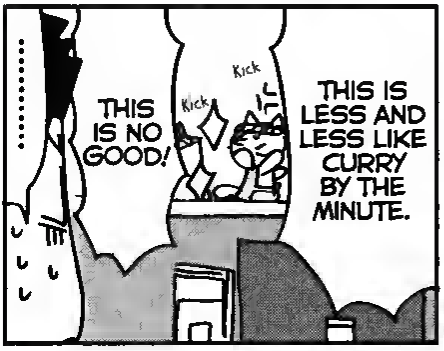
Neko Ramen's Neko Curry

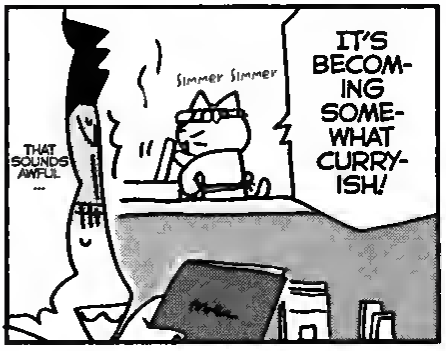


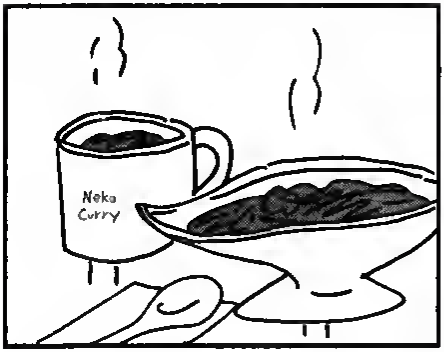
Chapter 1

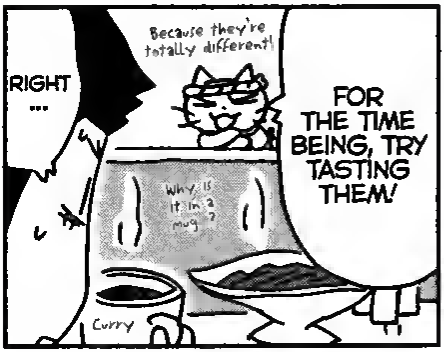
Curry-like



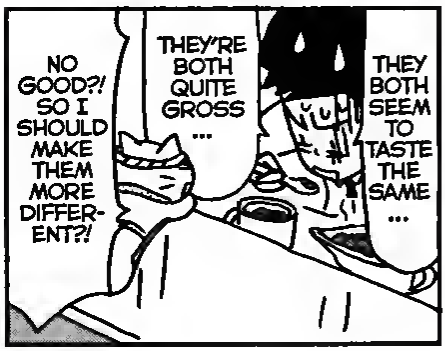
Four Times



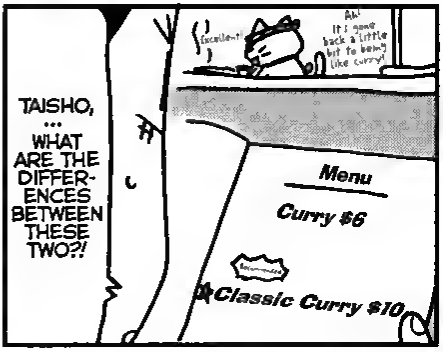

Neko Curry

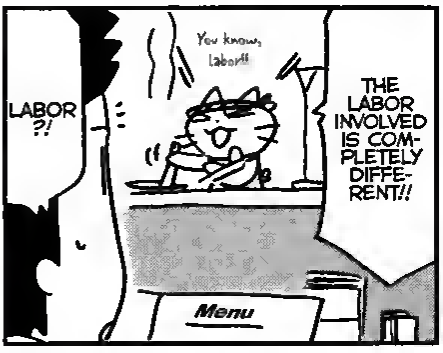

Because they're totally different!
RIGHT ...
FOR THE TIME BEING, TRY TASTING THEM!
Why is it in a mug?
Curry

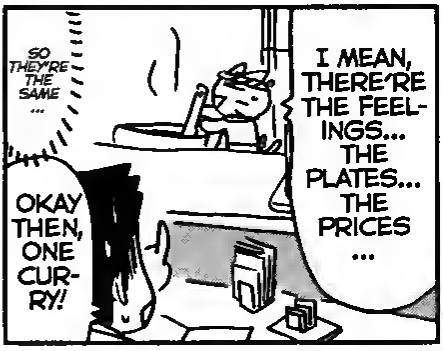
THIS ONE?!
THAT'S THE "CLASSIC"!
Curry


NO GOOD?! SO I SHOULD MAKE THEM MORE DIFFERENT?!
THEY'RE BOTH QUITE GROSS ...
THEY BOTH SEEM TO TASTE THE SAME ...

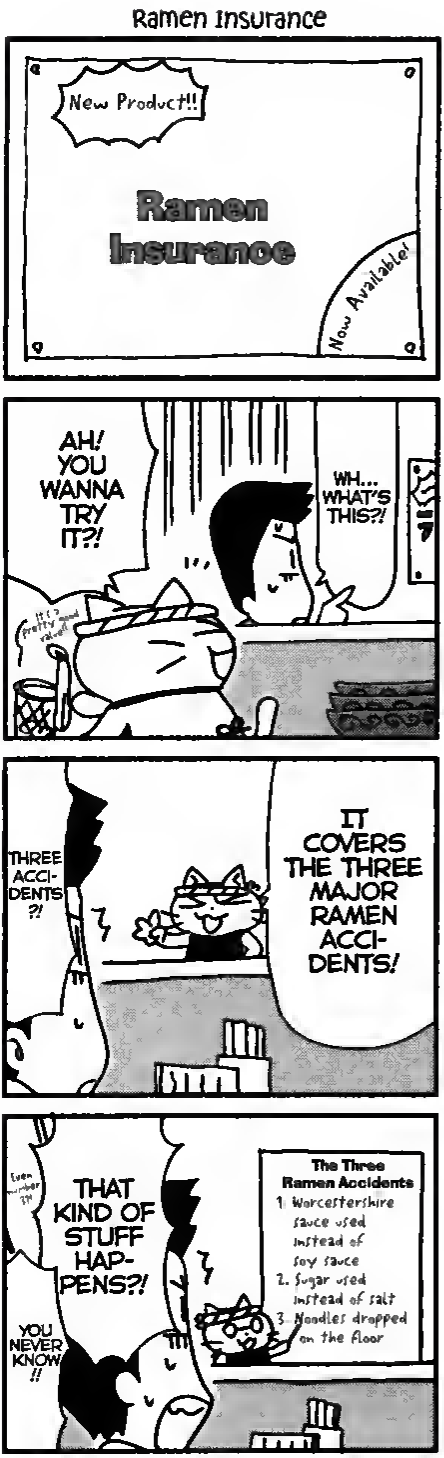
flip
ACTUALLY, I DO MIND ...


TAISHO, ... WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THESE TWO?!
(scale-)
Ah! It's gone back a little bit to being like curry!
Menu
Curry $6
Classic Curry $10


LABOR ?!
You know, labor!!
THE LABOR INVOLVED IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!!
Menu

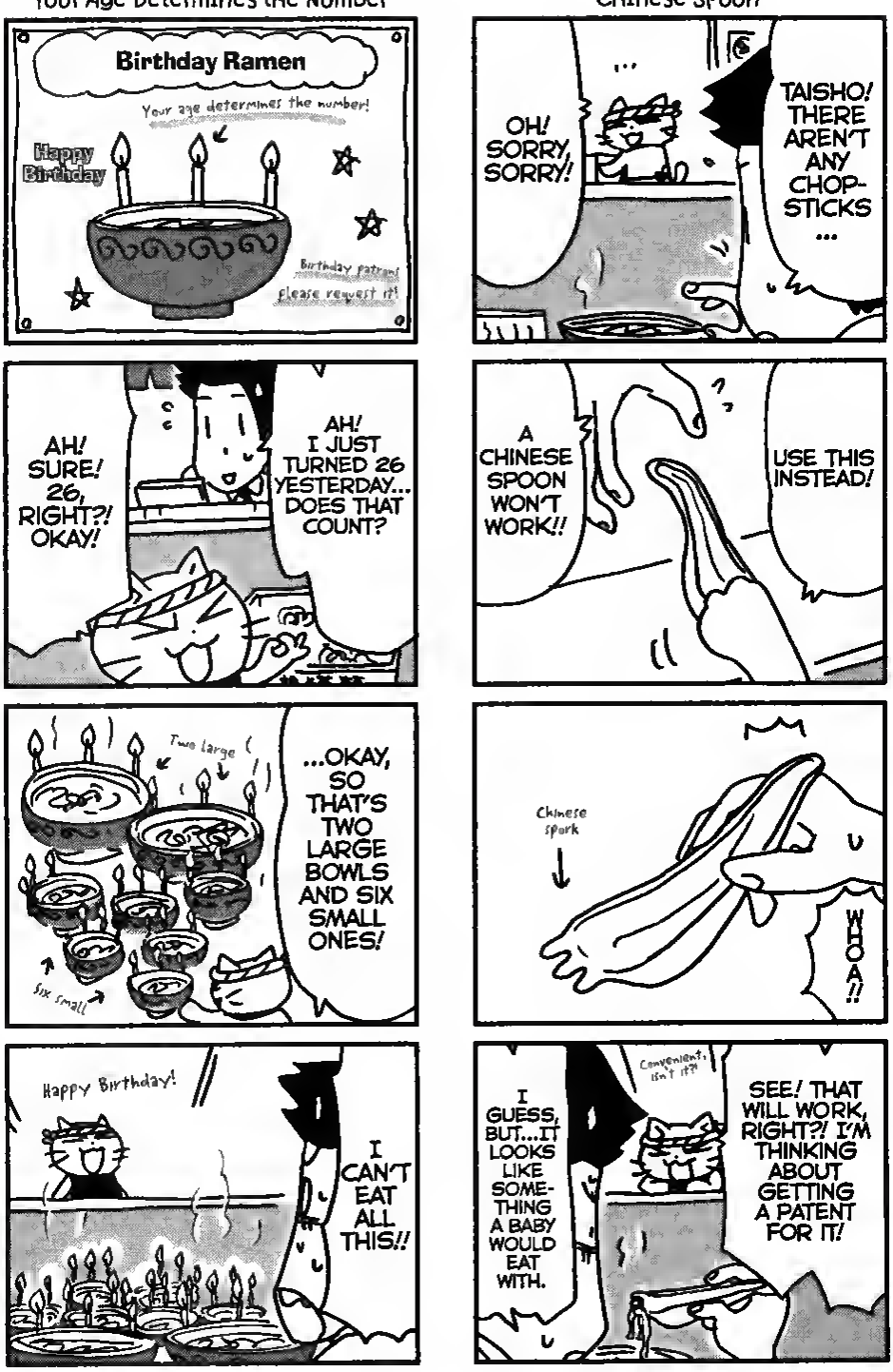

SO THEY'RE THE SAME ...
I MEAN, THERE'RE THE FEELINGS... THE PLATES... THE PRICES ...
OKAY THEN, ONE CURRY!

Business
EXTRA RICE, EH?!
FLIP
That'll be $3!
That's steep!
TAISHO... COULD I HAVE A BIT MORE RICE...?
LOOK AT THE TIME!
WHOOPS, UH OH!
Ring
HELP YOURSELF TO THE RICE!
WHAAA?!
I'VE GOT TO RETURN TO MY MAIN BUSINESS FOR A BIT...
YOU'RE KIDDING...
Oh, welcome!
TAKE YOUR TIME.
Excess
HEY, WHICH IS WORSE, TOO MUCH CURRY OR TOO MUCH RICE?!
OKAY! UNDERSTOOD!
I'D SAY TOO MUCH RICE IS WORSE...
Classic Curry
Rice
YEAH!
SO MUCH CURRY...!
YAY...

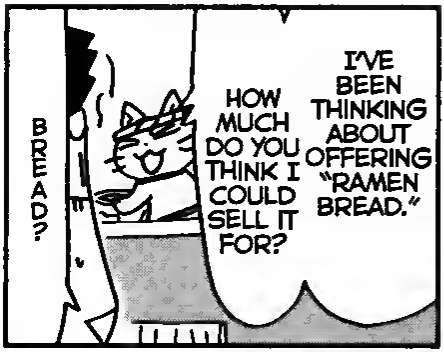

Ramen Insurance
New Product!!
Ramen Insurance
Now Available!
AH! YOU WANNA TRY IT?!
WH... WHAT'S THIS?!
It's pretty good value!
THREE ACCI-DENTS ?!
IT COVERS THE THREE MAJOR RAMEN ACCI-DENTS!
Even ...under ??
THAT KIND OF STUFF HAP-PENS?!
YOU NEVER KNOW !!
The Three Ramen Accidents
1. Worcestershire sauce used instead of soy sauce
2. Sugar used instead of salt
3. Noodles dropped on the floor

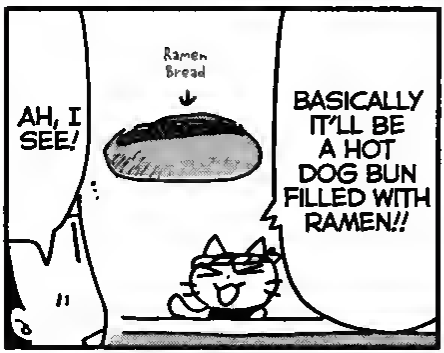
猫ラーメン

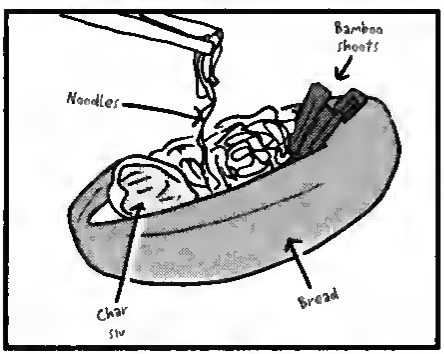
Chapter 16

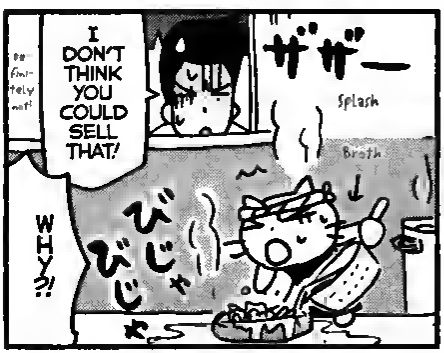

Your age determines the number
Chinese spoon
Birthday Ramen
Your age determines the number!
Happy Birthday
Birthday patron! Please request it!
OH! SORRY, SORRY!
...
TAISHO! THERE AREN'T ANY CHOP-STICKS ...
AH! SURE! 26, RIGHT?! OKAY!
AH! I JUST TURNED 26 YESTERDAY... DOES THAT COUNT?
A CHINESE SPOON WON'T WORK!!
USE THIS INSTEAD!
Two large
six small
...OKAY, SO THAT'S TWO LARGE BOWLS AND SIX SMALL ONES!
Chinese spork
WHOA!!
Happy Birthday!
I CAN'T EAT ALL THIS!!
I GUESS, BUT...IT LOOKS LIKE SOME-THING A BABY WOULD EAT WITH.
Convenient, isn't it?!
SEE! THAT WILL WORK, RIGHT?! I'M THINKING ABOUT GETTING A PATENT FOR IT!

Ramen Bread







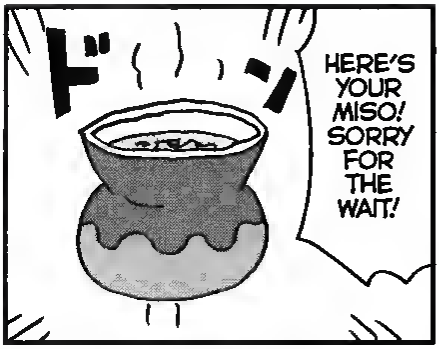


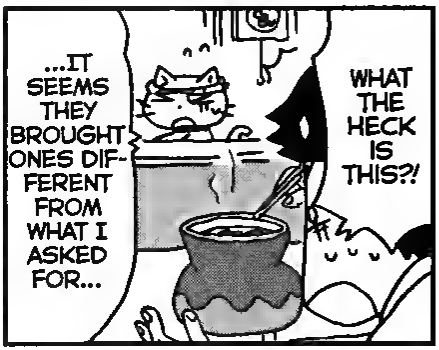
Newspaper

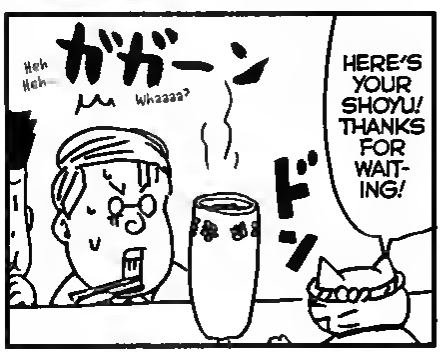
Strategy
As Is
ACK!
ガラッ
Roll
THE NEXT DAY ...
OH! A CUSTOMER!
ガラッ
Roll
Slurp
Slurp
TAISHO! I'D LIKE A MISO!
THAT'S SHOYU, SO...
ズル
ズル
ズル
Slurp
Slurp
Slurp
COULD YOU HURRY UP AND FINISH THAT?!
WH... WHAT?!
じー
Staaare
HUH?! WHY?
SAFE!!
WHEW!!
AW!! IT'S SHOYU ...
RIGHTY-O!
BUT I'M NOT FINISHED YET.
BUT ...
I BROKE ALL MY BOWLS AND THAT'S THE ONLY ONE I HAVE LEFT!!
PLEASE, HURRY AND BUY SOME BOWLS ALREADY!!
HUUUH?!
YOU'RE OKAY WITH THIS, RIGHT?!
wash basin
THAT'S JUST WRONG ...
HUUUH?!
"As is"
HERE YOU GO, A SHOYU RAMEN!!

Amazing
Magic
I GUESS I'LL GO WITH THIS ONE!
PLEASE PICK ANY CARD YOU LIKE AND MARK IT WITH A SIGN!
THIS ONE, I GUESS!
DON'T SHOW IT TO ME!
PICK A CARD, ANY CARD!!
Slip
OH, REALLY? O.K. WELL...
HUH?! THERE'S ALREADY SOME-THING WRITTEN ON IT!
Scribble
Scribble
OKAY!
NOW, MARK IT WITH SOME-THING ONLY YOU WOULD UNDER-STAND!
HOORAY!!
AHA! THERE'S STILL ONE LEFT!
THIS ONE'S WRITTEN ON TOO ... THIS ONE TOO..!
OKAY!
ANY-WHERE IS FINE!
Slip
Ba-dump Ba-dump
NOW, PLEASE RETURN THE CARD TO THE DECK!
YOU'RE RIGHT!!
OKAY THEN, THAT ONE!
THIS ONE!
...UH... WHICH ONE WAS IT...?
IT'S MAGIC!
AMAZ-ING!! HOW'D YOU DO THAT?!
IT'S THIS ONE, ISN'T IT?!

Purchased







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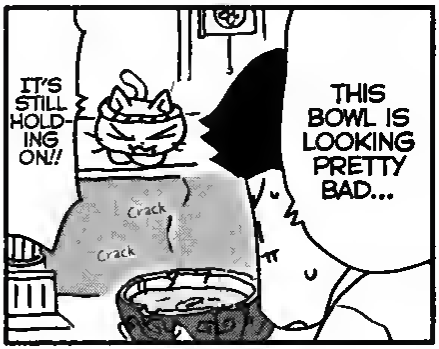
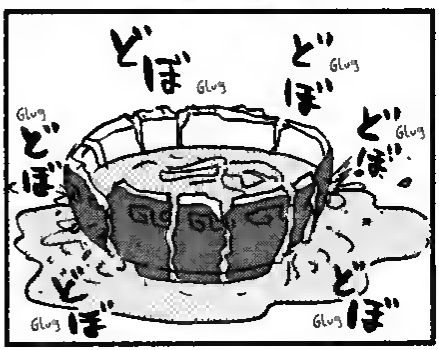
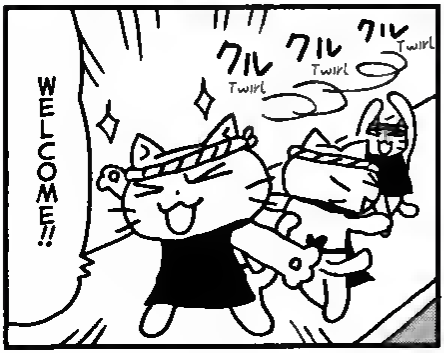
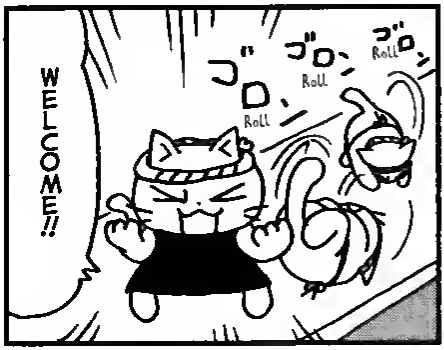
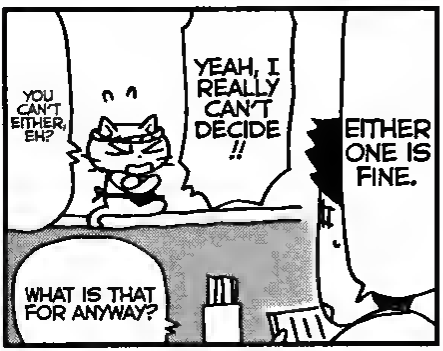


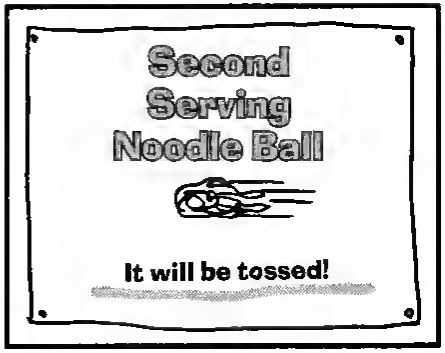


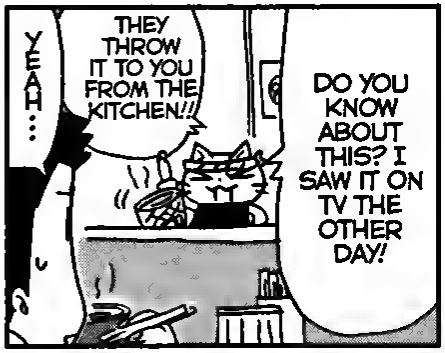
WHICH WHAT?
I'M A BIT TROUBLED. WHICH DO YOU THINK IS BEST?

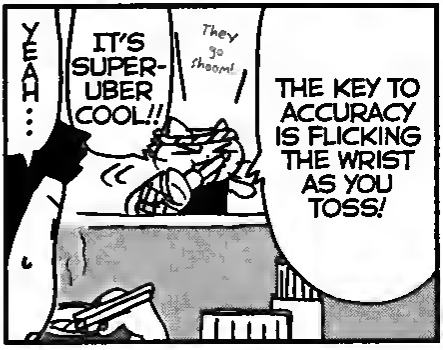

WELCOME!!
クル Twirl
クル Twirl
クル Twirl

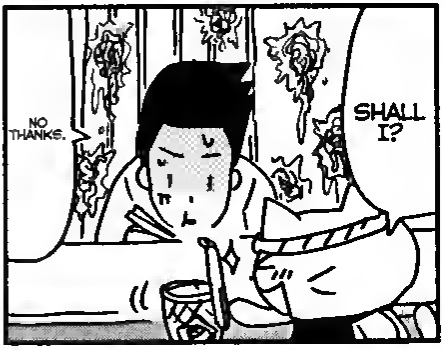

WELCOME!!
ゴロ Roll
ゴロ Roll
ゴロ Roll


YOU CAN'T EITHER, EH?
YEAH, I REALLY CAN'T DECIDE !!
EITHER ONE IS FINE.
WHAT IS THAT FOR ANYWAY?

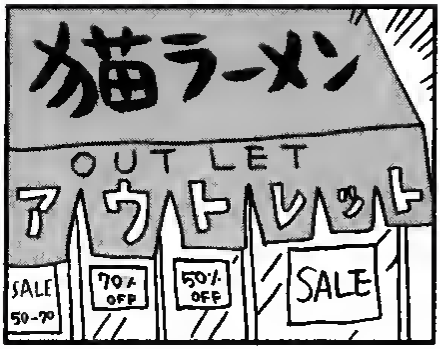

Second Serving Noodle Ball
It will be tossed!

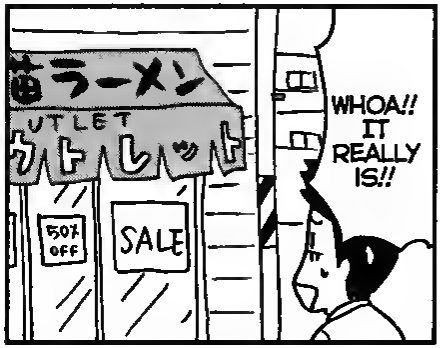

YEAH...
THEY THROW IT TO YOU FROM THE KITCHEN!!!
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS? I SAW IT ON TV THE OTHER DAY!

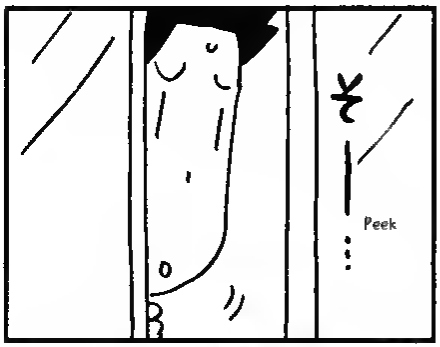

YEAH...
IT'S SUPER-UBER COOL!!
They go shoom!
THE KEY TO ACCURACY IS FLICKING THE WRIST AS YOU TOSS!

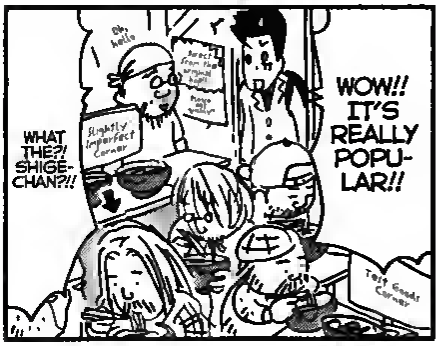

NO THANKS.
SHALL I?

outlet

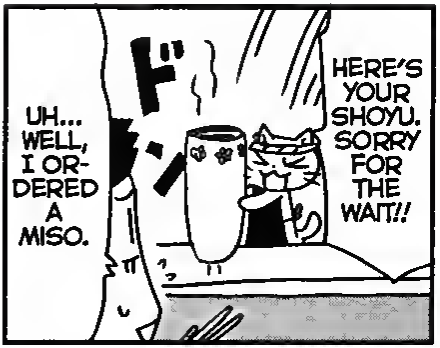


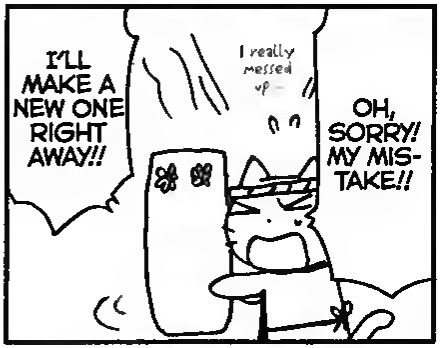






wrong order

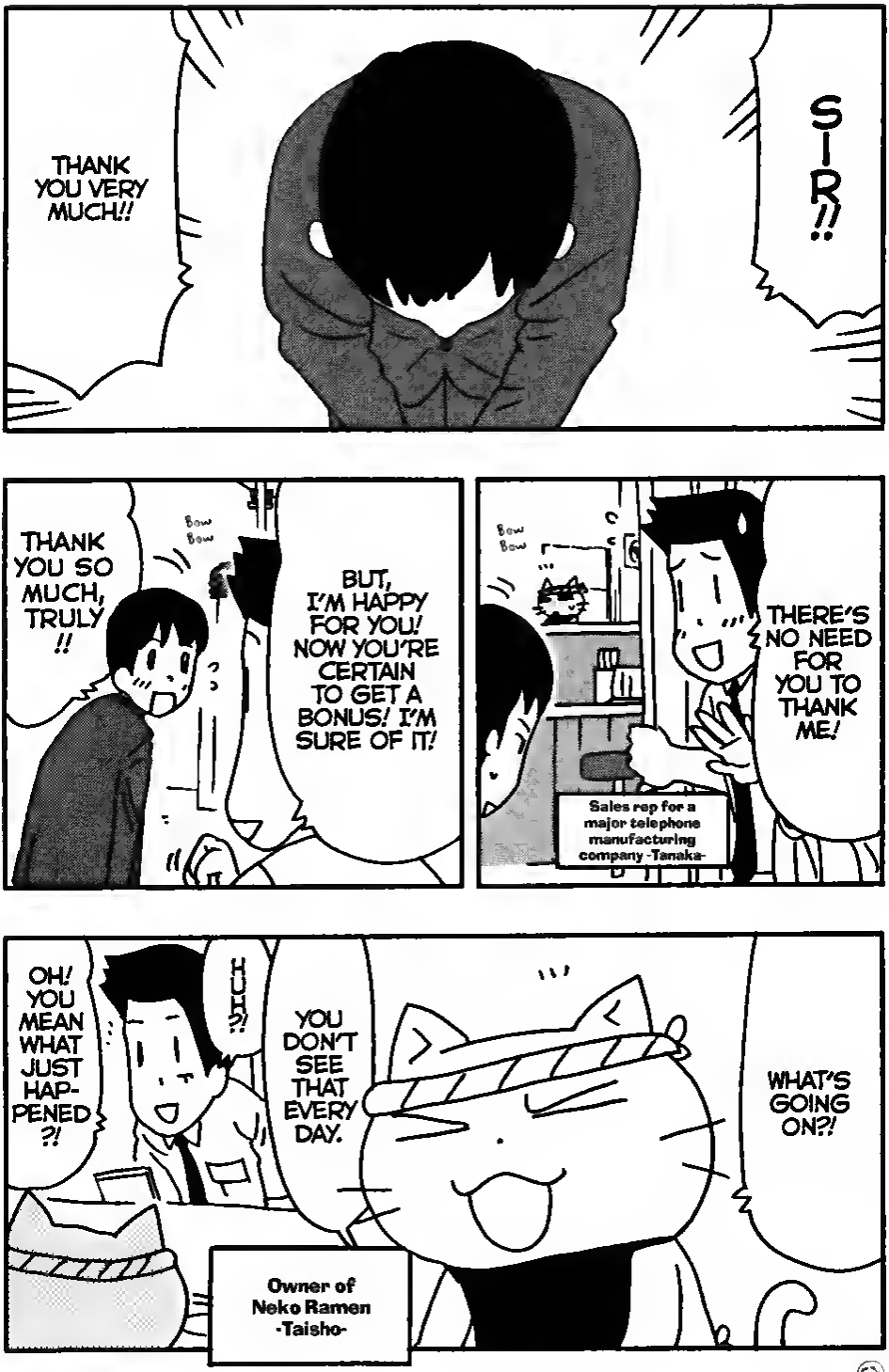




Short Comic Special

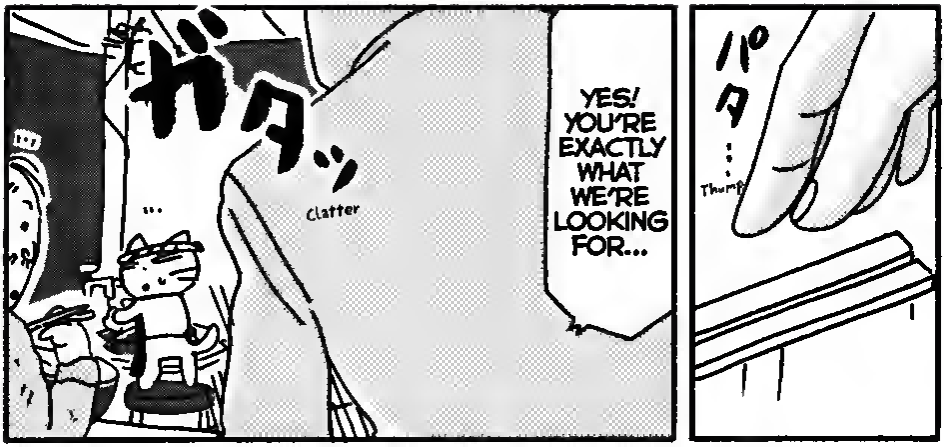
猫ラーメン

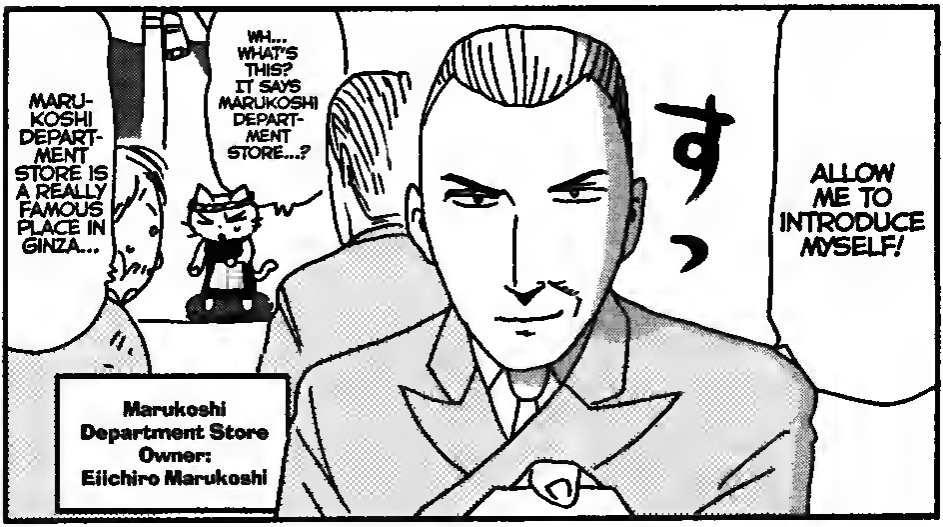
The Phantom New Branch

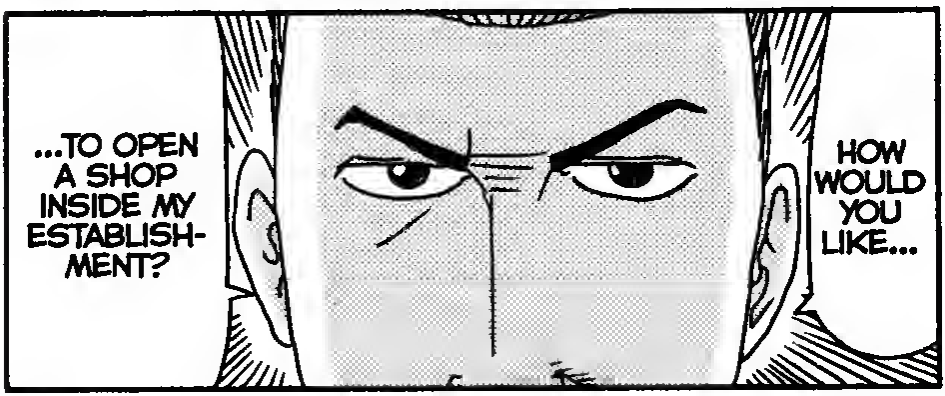

SIR?!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!
Bow Bow
THANK YOU SO MUCH, TRULY !!
BUT, I'M HAPPY FOR YOU! NOW YOU'RE CERTAIN TO GET A BONUS! I'M SURE OF IT!
Bow Bow
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO THANK ME!
Sales rep for a major telephone manufacturing company -Tanaka-
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
YOU DON'T SEE THAT EVERY DAY.
HUH?!
OH! YOU MEAN WHAT JUST HAP-PENED ?!
Owner of Neko Ramen -Taisho-

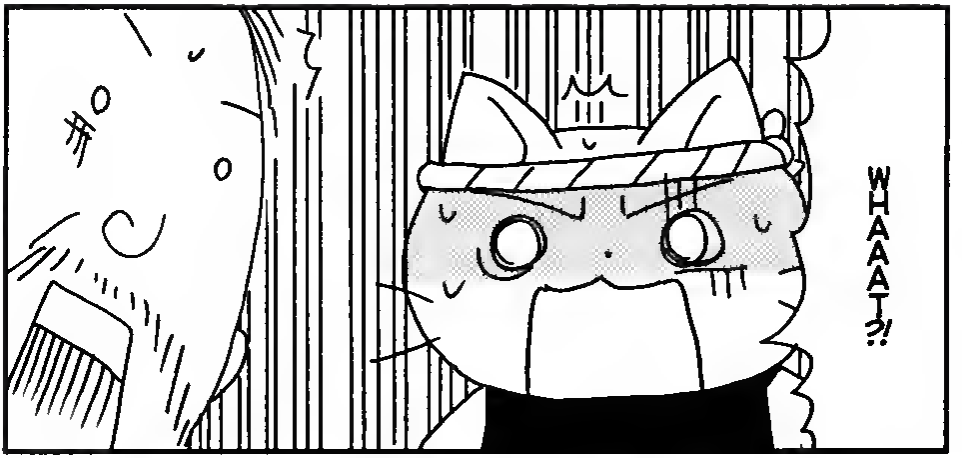
What a waiter...
WHY'D YOU DO THAT?
HE'S GOT A LOT OF SIBLINGS AT HOME AND HIS PARENTS ARE ILL...
Hmm what should I get?
THIS MONTH I PASSED ON ONE OF MY LARGE CLIENTS TO HIM ...
WELL... IT'S NOT REALLY A BIG DEAL...
Big brother! Big brother!
Here's our company's newest line!
SO I REALLY WANTED TO MAKE SURE HE'S MAKING A LOT OF SALES...
HE'S DOING THE BEST HE CAN BY HIMSELF!!
What do you mean "actually"?
UH... THANKS ...
You actually are a great guy!
I'M IMPRESSED!!
YOU TOO, TAISHO ?!
HUH?!
COME TO THINK OF IT, SOMETHING SIMILAR HAPPENED TO ME IN THE PAST!
AH!

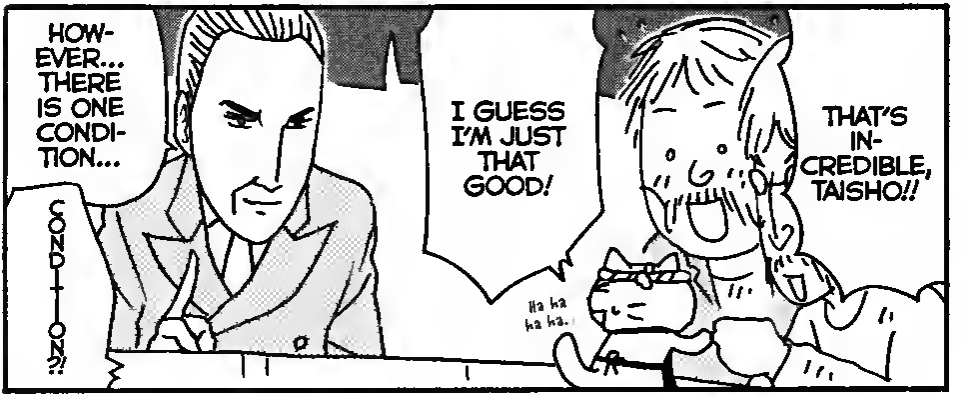
Taisho (Food Cart Days)
ちゃっちゃっ
ドン
ドン
It's here, it's here!!
Ohhh!
HERE! THANKS FOR WAITING!!
THANKS AS ALWAYS, TAISHO!!
Hurry up and eat!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!!
...ONLY HAVE THIS MUCH...
じゃらら
OH... BUT WE...
ズズ
ズズ
Slurp!
Slurp!

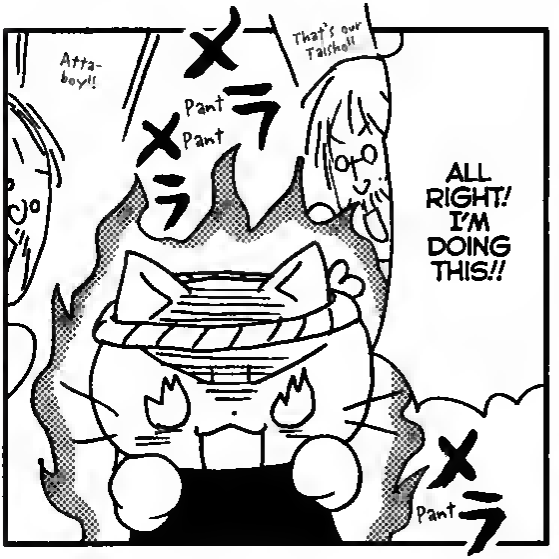

ガタッ
Clatter
...
YES! YOU'RE EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR...
パタ...
Thump


MARU-KOSHI DEPART-MENT STORE IS A REALLY FAMOUS PLACE IN GINZA...
WH... WHAT'S THIS? IT SAYS MARUKOSHI DEPART-MENT STORE...?
す
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF!
Marukoshi Department Store Owner: Eiichiro Marukoshi


...TO OPEN A SHOP INSIDE MY ESTABLISH-MENT?
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE...


WHAAAT?!


HOW-EVER... THERE IS ONE CONDI-TION...
CONDI—TION?!
I GUESS I'M JUST THAT GOOD!
Ha ha ha ha.
THAT'S IN-CREDIBLE, TAISHO!!

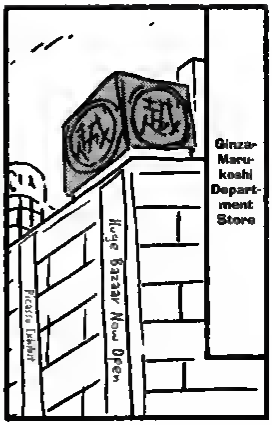

Atta-boy!!
That's our Taisho!!
メラ
Pant
Pant
メラ
ALL RIGHT! I'M DOING THIS!!
メラ
Pant

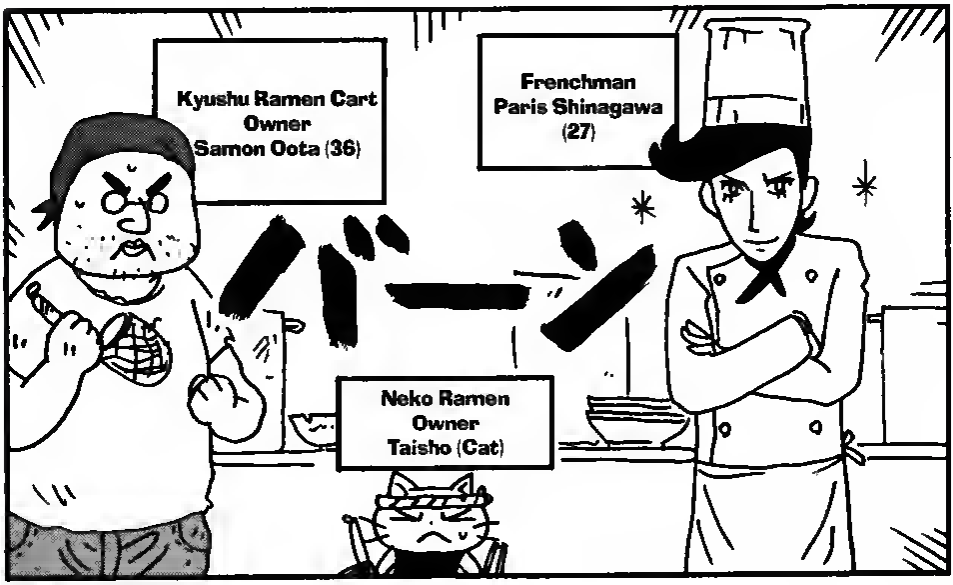
YOU MUST WIN OUT OVER THEM.
THERE ARE TWO OTHER CANDI-DATES ...

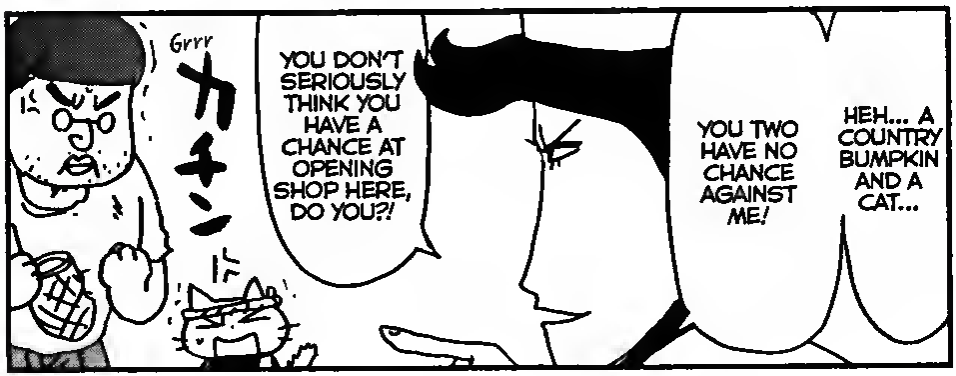
7th Floor Food Court

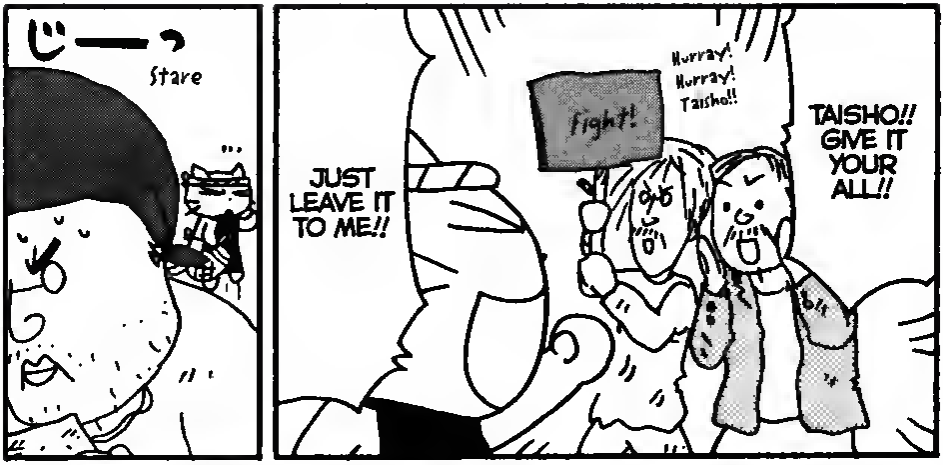
Ramen Shop Applicant Testing Site

Authorized personnel only

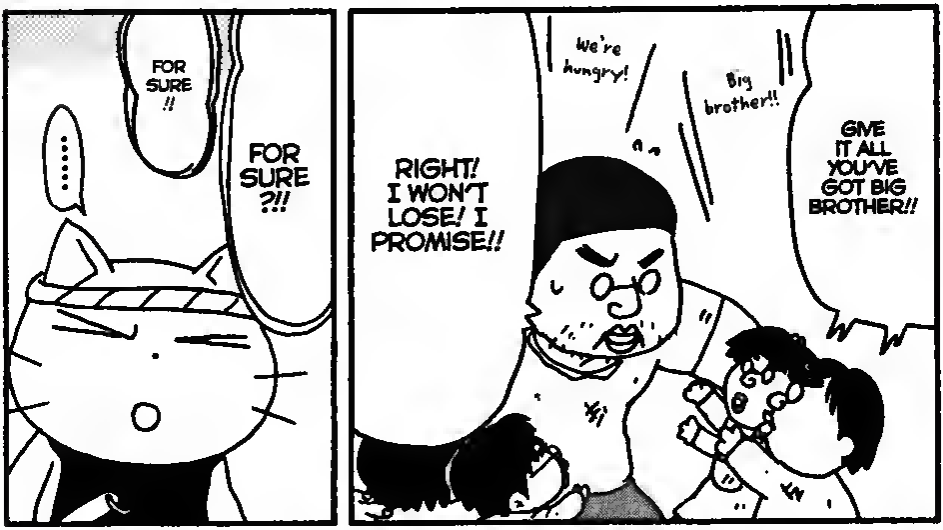


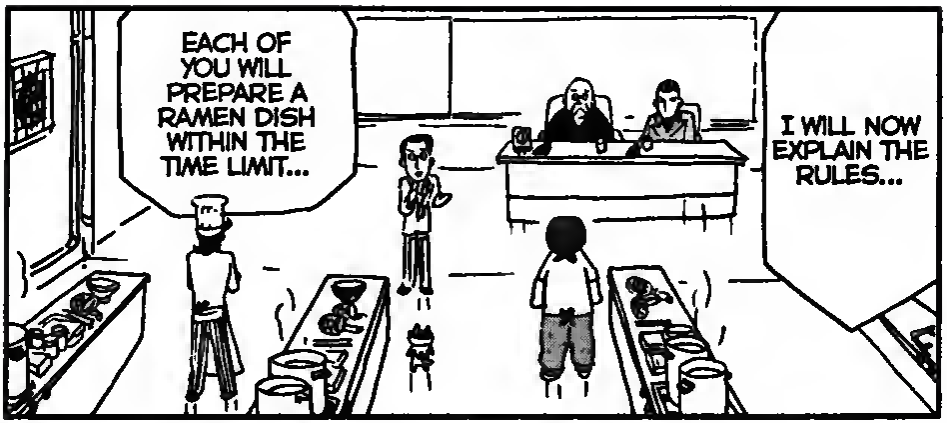


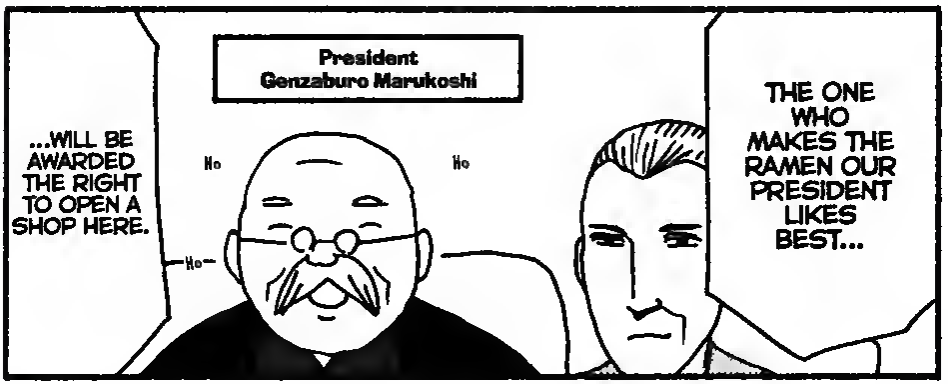

Grrr
カチン
YOU DON'T SERIOUSLY THINK YOU HAVE A CHANCE AT OPENING SHOP HERE, DO YOU?!
YOU TWO HAVE NO CHANCE AGAINST ME!
HEH... A COUNTRY BUMPKIN AND A CAT...

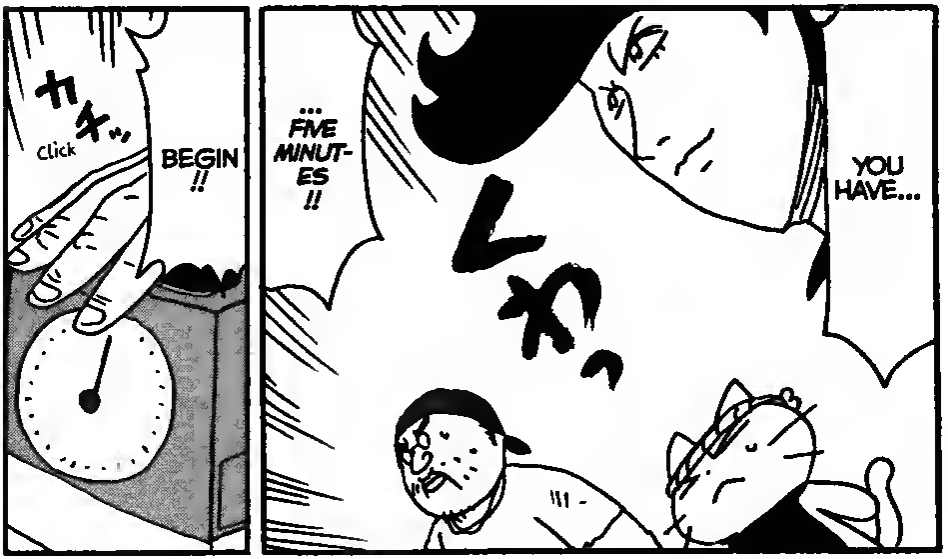

じーっ
Stare
...
JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!!
Hurray! Hurray! Taisho!!
Fight!
TAISHO!! GIVE IT YOUR ALL!!

GIVE ME STRENGTH!!
ぎゅっ
Squeeze
DEAR MOTHER AND FATHER IN HEAVEN!


FOR SURE !!
FOR SURE ?!!
RIGHT! I WON'T LOSE! I PROMISE!!
We're hungry!
Big brother!!
GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT BIG BROTHER!!


EACH OF YOU WILL PREPARE A RAMEN DISH WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT...
I WILL NOW EXPLAIN THE RULES...


President Genzaburo Marukoshi
...WILL BE AWARDED THE RIGHT TO OPEN A SHOP HERE.
Ho
Ho
Ho—
THE ONE WHO MAKES THE RAMEN OUR PRESIDENT LIKES BEST...


Click
BEGIN !!
... FIVE MINUT-ES !!
YOU HAVE...

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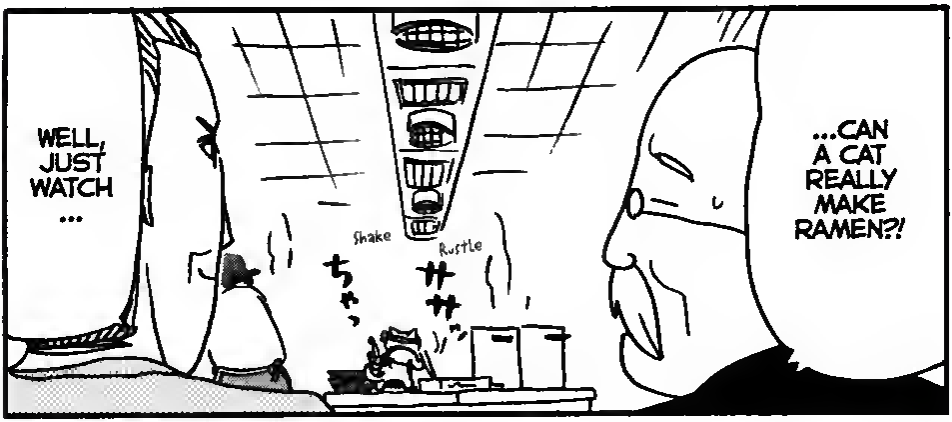
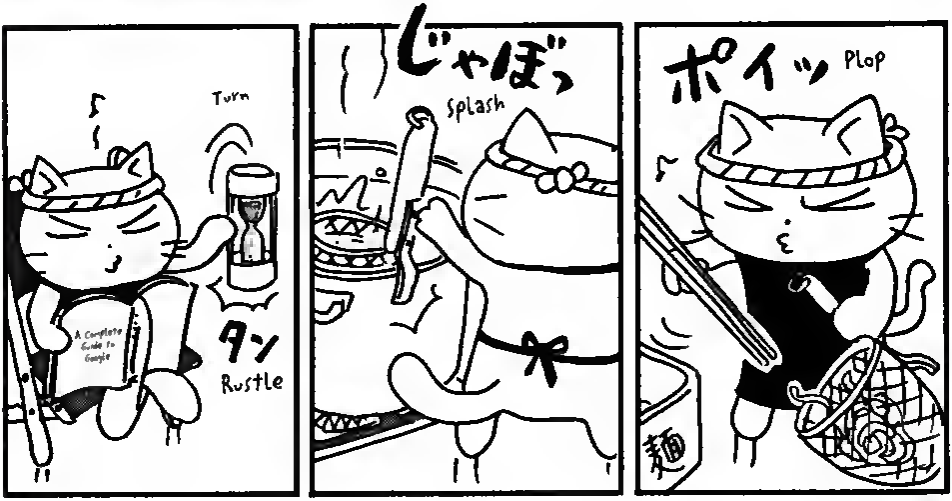
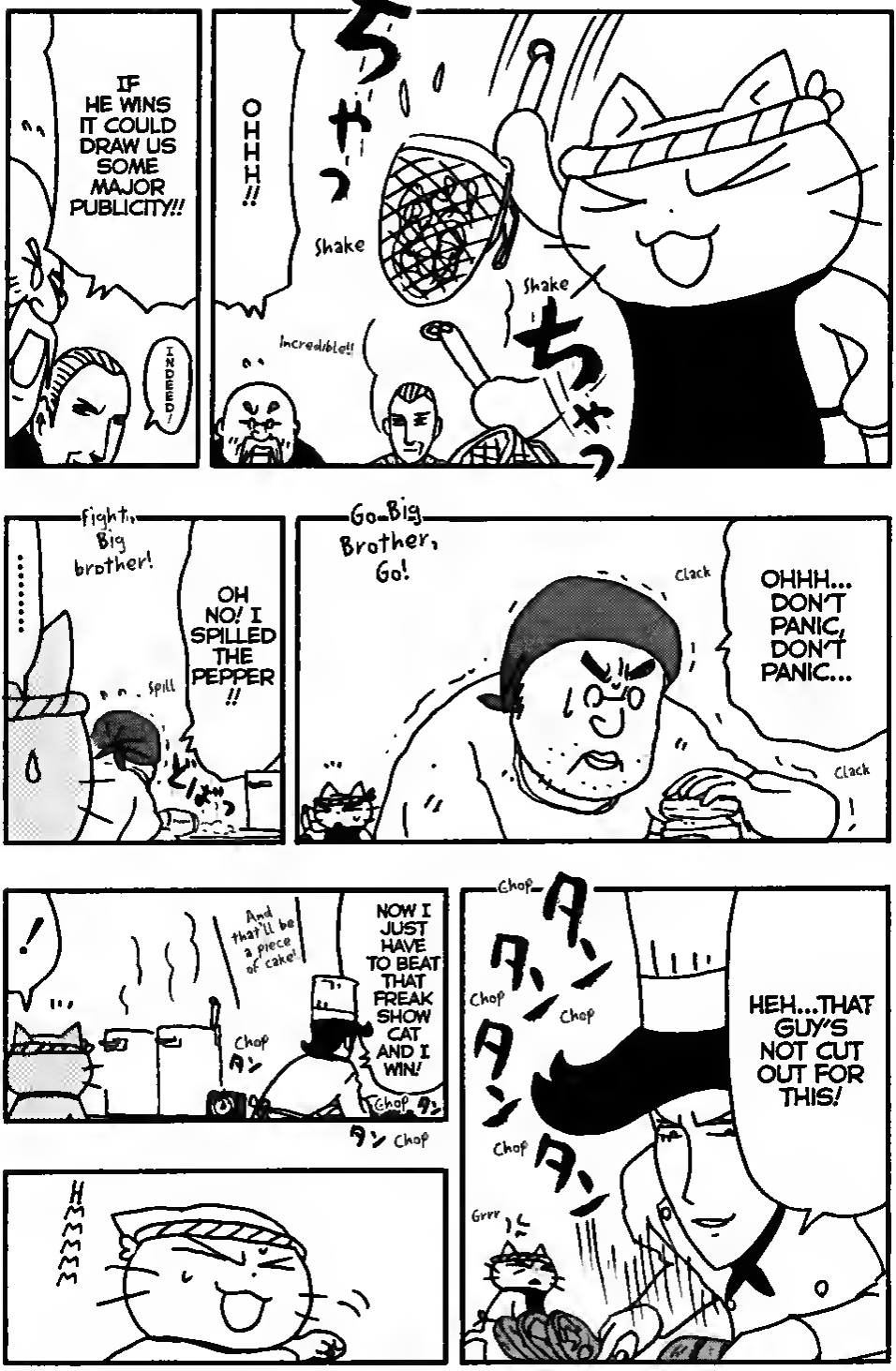
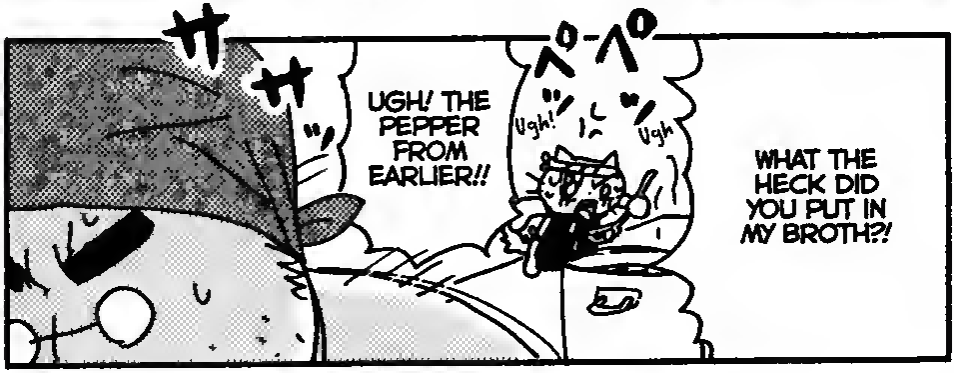

WELL, JUST WATCH ...
Shake
ちゃっ
Rustle
ササッ
...CAN A CAT REALLY MAKE RAMEN?!

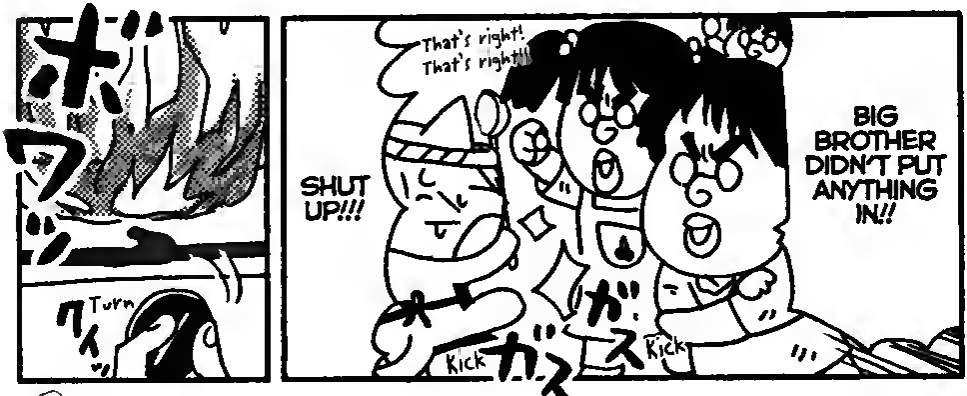

Turn
A Complete Guide to Ramen
タン
Rustle
じゃぼっ
Splash
ポイッ
Plop
麺

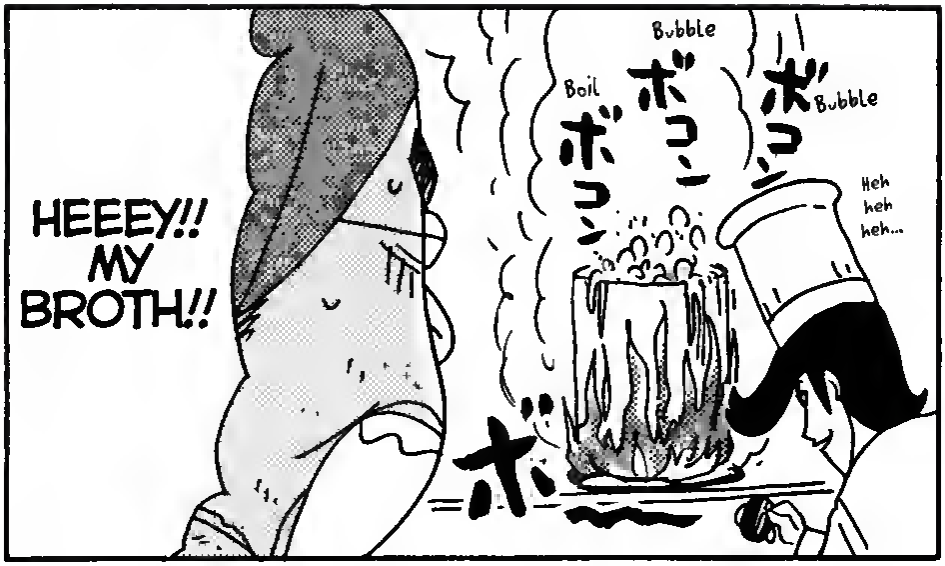

IF HE WINS IT COULD DRAW US SOME MAJOR PUBLICITY!!!
INDEED!
OHHH!!
Shake
Shake
Incredible!!
Fight, Big brother!
OH NO! I SPILLED THE PEPPER !!
Spill
Go Big Brother, Go!
Clack
OHHH... DON'T PANIC, DON'T PANIC...
Clack
And that'll be a piece of cake!
NOW I JUST HAVE TO BEAT THAT FREAK SHOW CAT AND I WIN!
Chop
Chop
タン Chop
Chop
Chop
Chop
Chop
Chop
Grrr
HEH...THAT GUY'S NOT CUT OUT FOR THIS!
HMMM

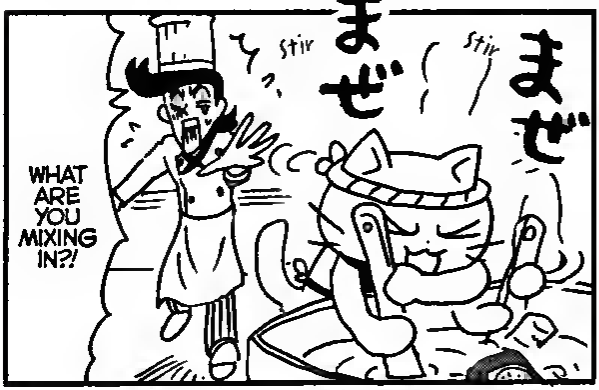
しゃっ
THE CHAR SIU IS DONE!
OK!
Tick tock tick
ぐいっ
Pull
ぶわっ
ACK, THEY'RE WAY OVER-DONE!!!
HUH?! THERE'S STILL TIME LEFT ...?
THE NOODLES SHOULD BE ABOUT DONE...
Tick tock tick
...NOW THE OTHER GUY JUST HAS TO DO HIS BEST AND...
Spin
THAT KNOCKS THE FRENCH GUY OUT, SO...
DAMMIT ...
MISTAKING THE TIME TO BOIL YOUR NOODLES, EH? SOUNDS LIKE A ROOKIE MOVE, IF YOU ASK ME.
Glub
ぶわ
Glub
Ha ha ha ha

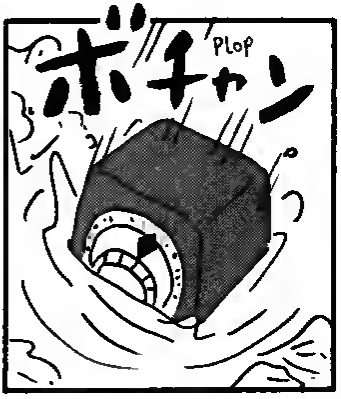
!
Fssss

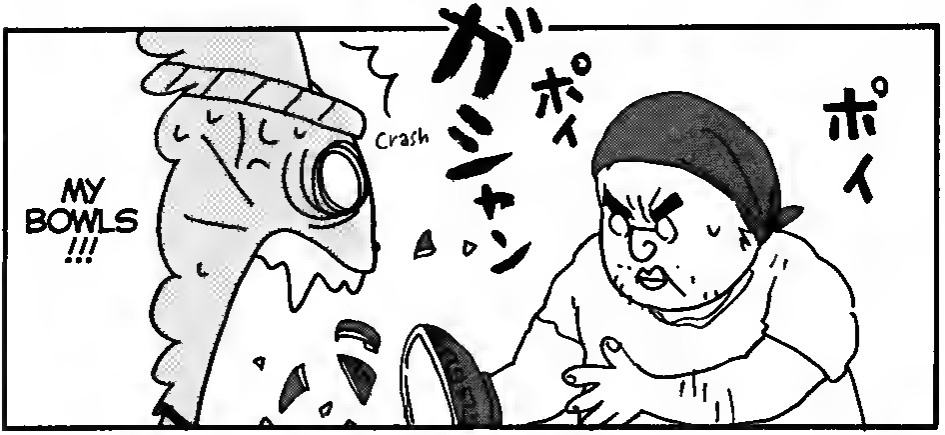

UGH! THE PEPPER FROM EARLIER!!
Ugh!
Ugh
WHAT THE HECK DID YOU PUT IN MY BROTH?!


Turn
That's right! That's right!!!
SHUT UP!!!
BIG BROTHER DIDN'T PUT ANYTHING IN!!
Kick
Kick


HEEEY!! MY BROTH!!
Bubble
ボコン
Boil
ボコン
ボコン
Bubble
Heh heh heh...
ボ

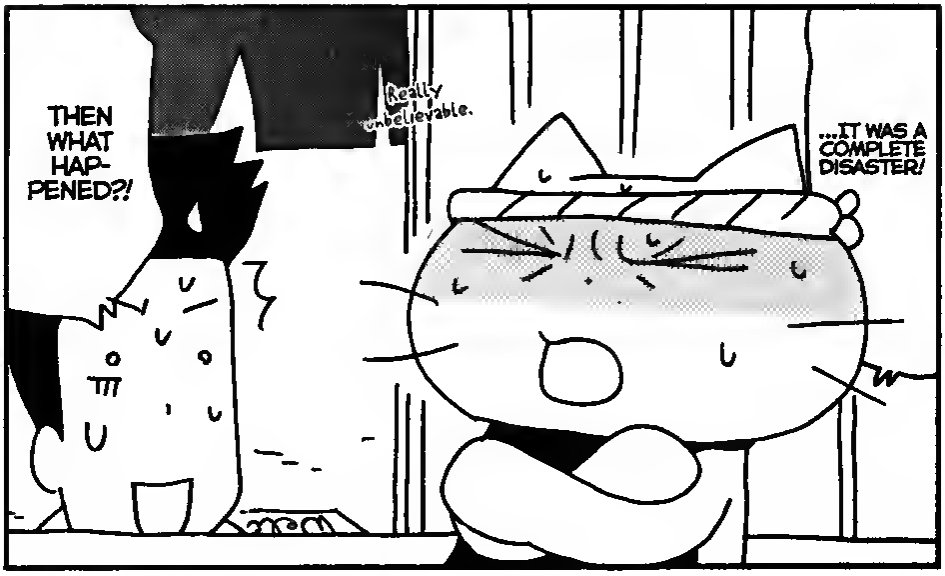

WHAT ARE YOU MIXING IN?!
Stir
まぜ
Stir
まぜ


ボチャン
Plop

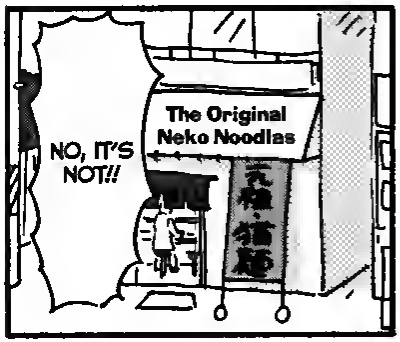

MY BOWLS !!!
Crash
ガシャン
ポイ
ポイ

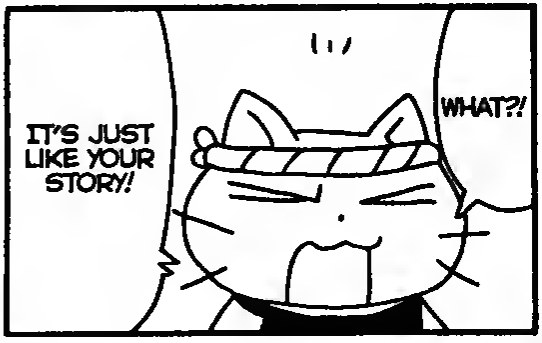
Take that!
You jerk!
ガシャン

Thud
Rrrip
Clunk
Clatter
Thud
Crash
Crash
ガシャン


THEN WHAT HAP-PENED?!
Really unbelievable.
...IT WAS A COMPLETE DISASTER!

WHAT KIND OF A STORY IS THAT ?!
WHA?!
CAN'T REALLY BLAME THEM.
WELL, IN THE END WE ALL FAILED, AND NO ONE GOT TO OPEN A SHOP.


NO, IT'S NOT!!
The Original Neko Noodles

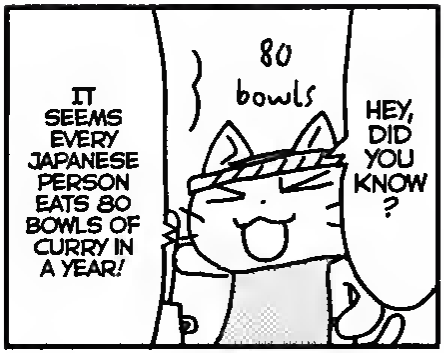

IT'S JUST LIKE YOUR STORY!
WHAT?!

猫ラーメンの猫カレー

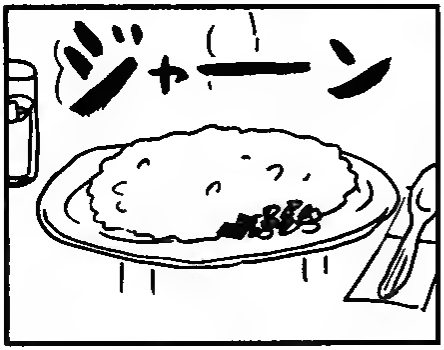
Neko Ramen's Neko Curry

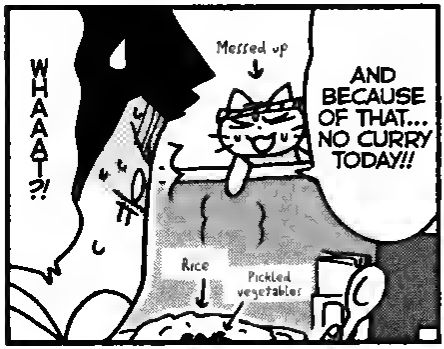
Chapter 2

A Lot

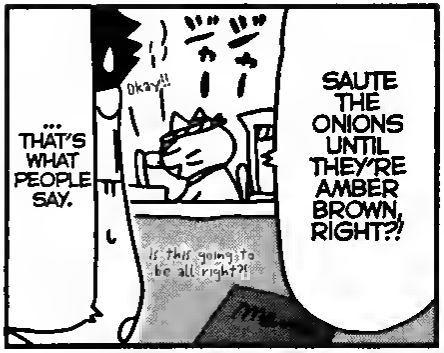

IT SEEMS EVERY JAPANESE PERSON EATS 80 BOWLS OF CURRY IN A YEAR!
80 bowls
HEY, DID YOU KNOW?

THAT'S A LOT!
IT'S TOO MUCH!!
SO THAT MEANS ABOUT ONCE EVERY FOUR OR FIVE DAYS ...
IS...IS THAT SO...?


ジャーン

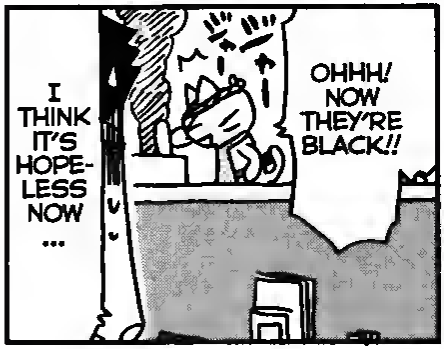

WHAAAT?!
Messed up
AND BECAUSE OF THAT... NO CURRY TODAY!!
Rice
Pickled vegetables

Amber

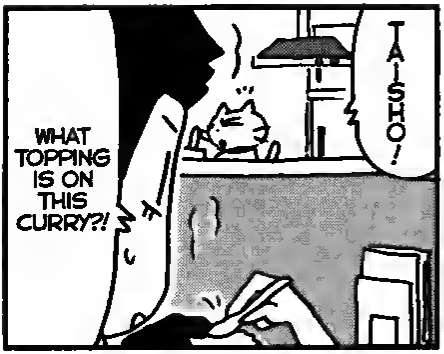

... THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE SAY.
Okay!!
Is this going to be all right?!
SAUTE THE ONIONS UNTIL THEY'RE AMBER BROWN, RIGHT?!

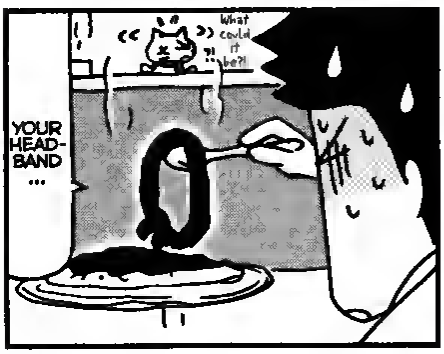
WHAT?! YOU DON'T KNOW?!
WHAT KIND OF BROWN IS AMBER BROWN?!

... ISN'T THAT A BIT TOO DARK?!
THEY'RE COLA BROWN NOW!
OH!

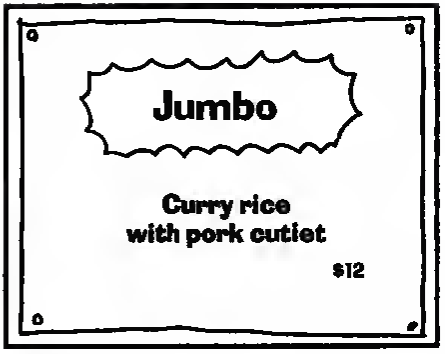

I THINK IT'S HOPE-LESS NOW ...
OHHH! NOW THEY'RE BLACK!!

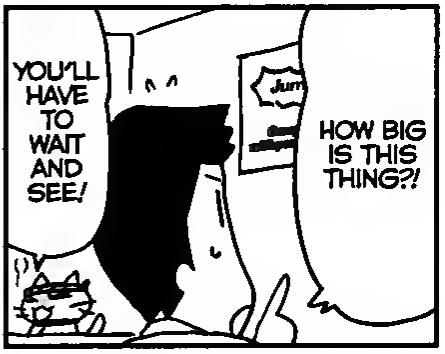
Topping

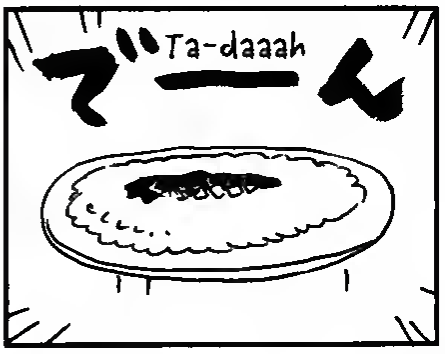


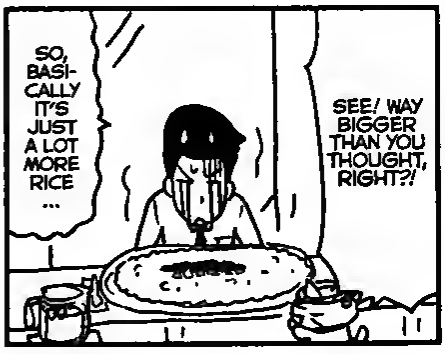


Jumbo









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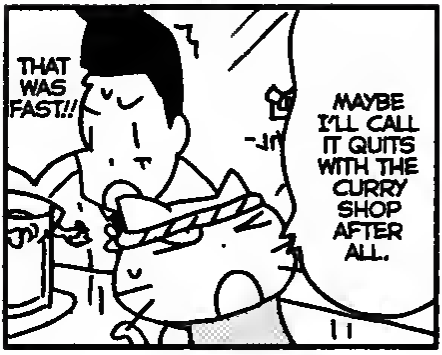

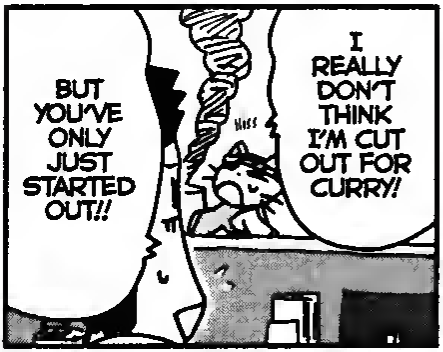

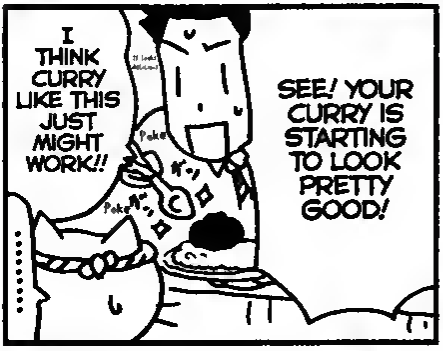

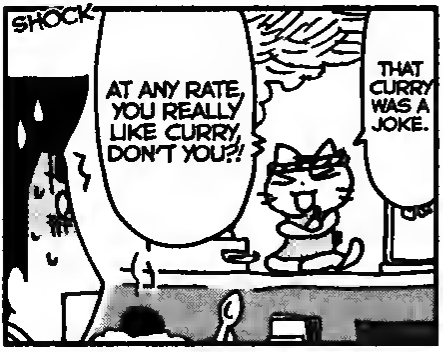

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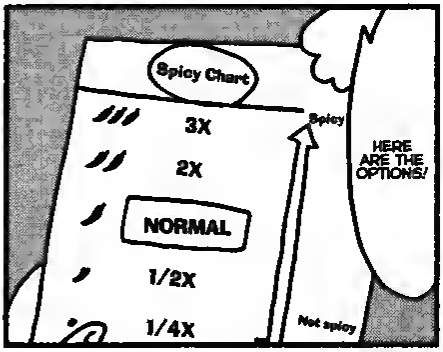

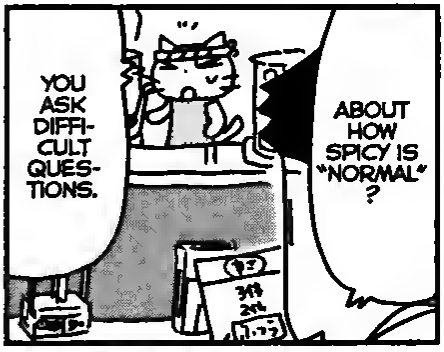

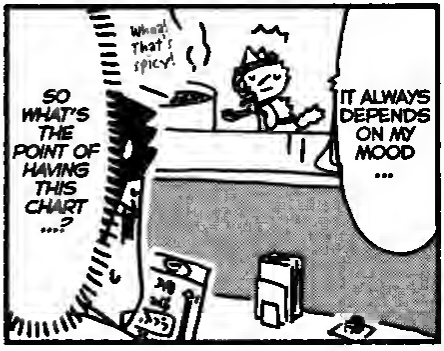

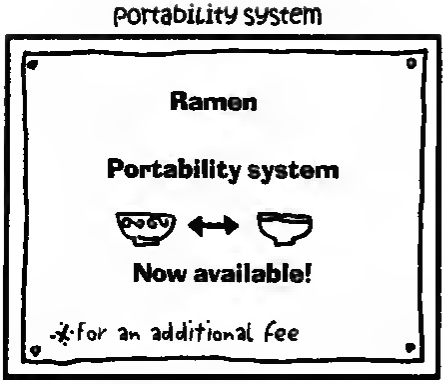

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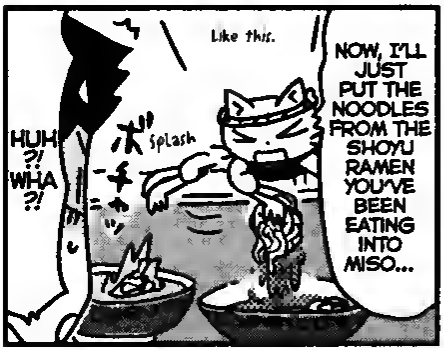

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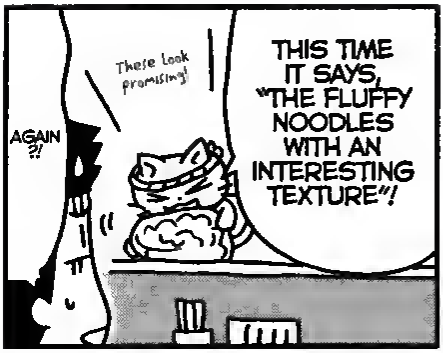
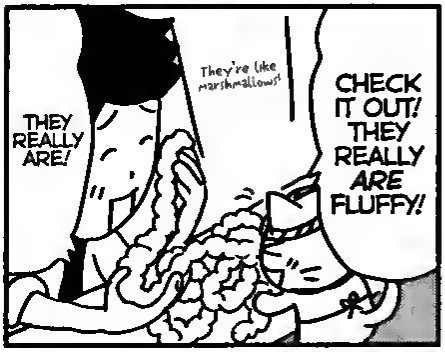
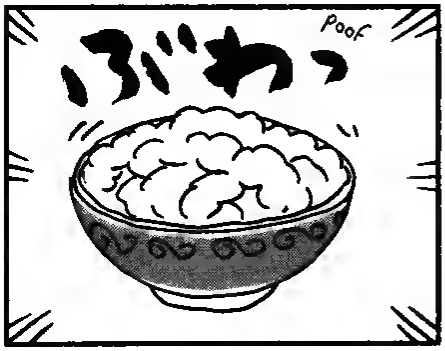
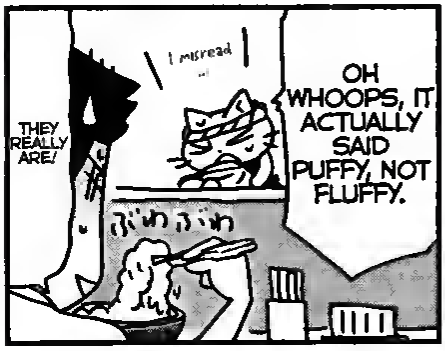
New Merchant 2









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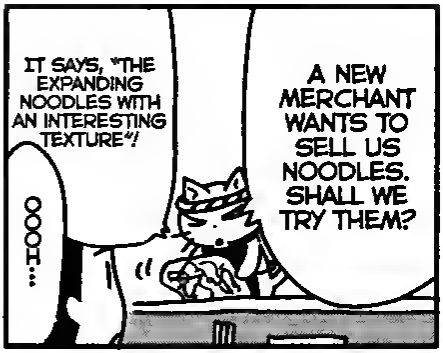
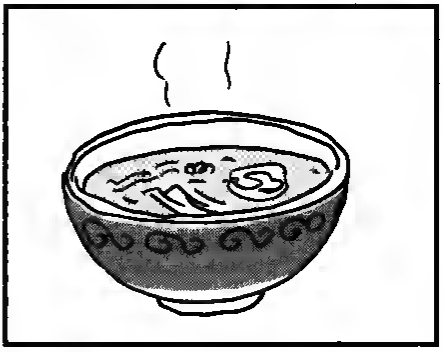
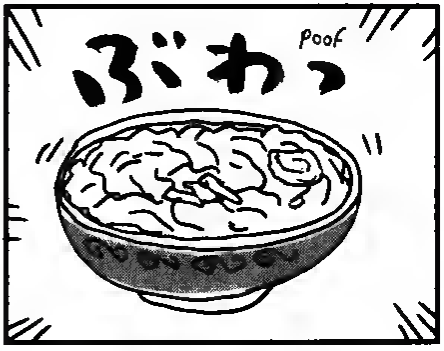
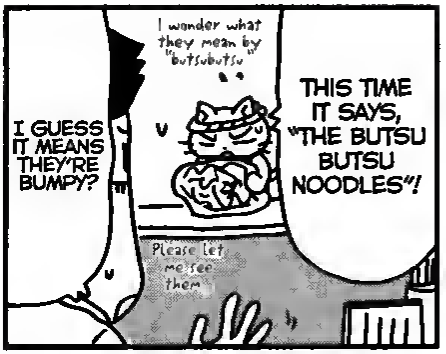
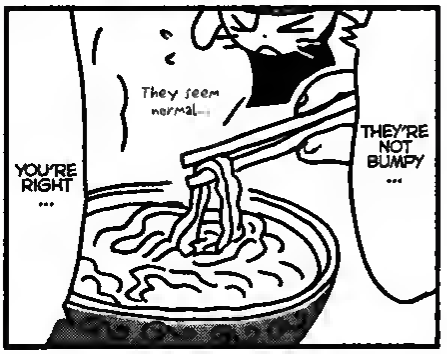


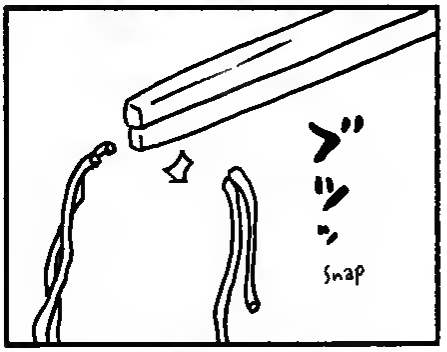


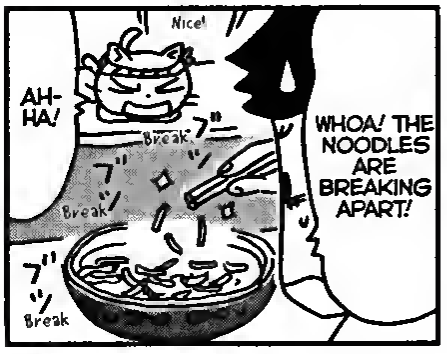


Butsu Butsu Noodles


I wonder what they mean by "butsubutsu"
I GUESS IT MEANS THEY'RE BUMPY?
THIS TIME IT SAYS, "THE BUTSU BUTSU NOODLES"!
Please let me see them







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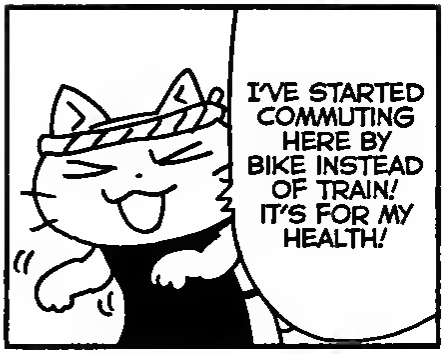

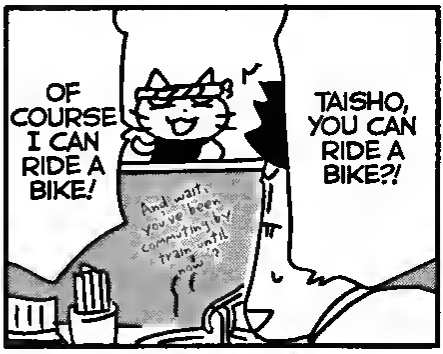

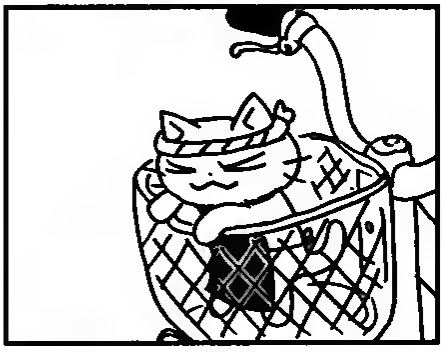

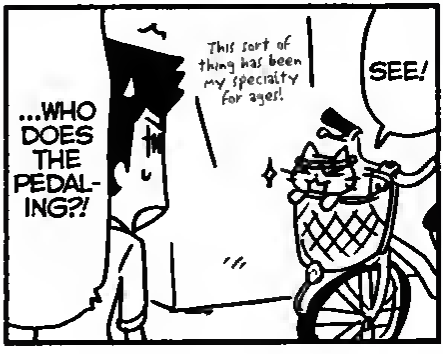

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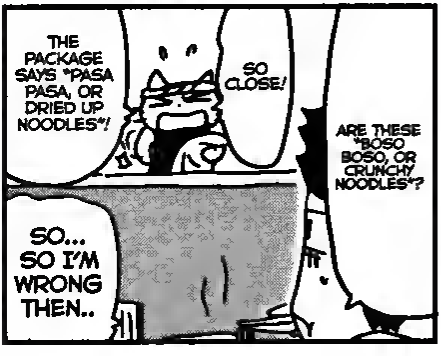

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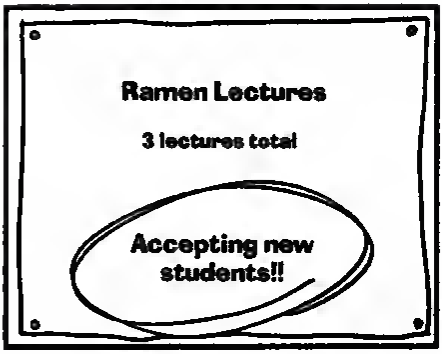

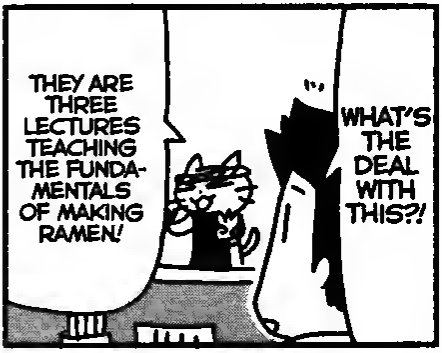

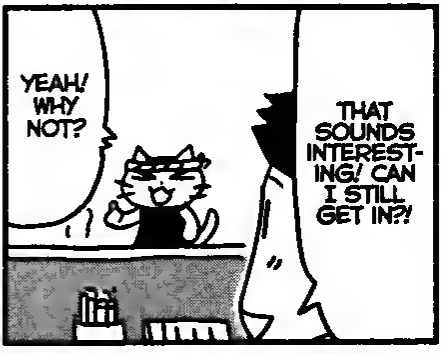

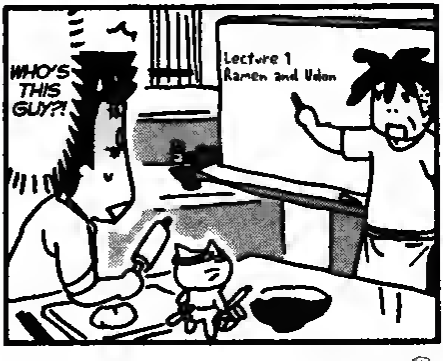

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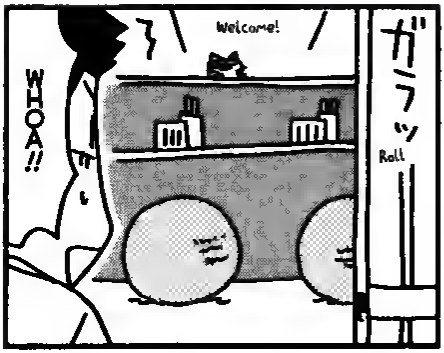

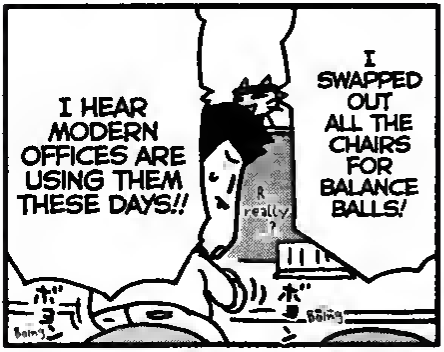

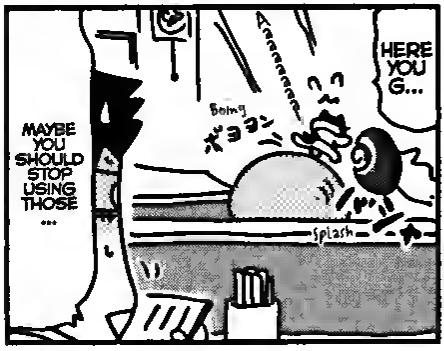

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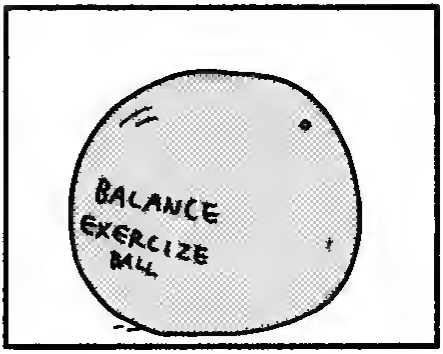
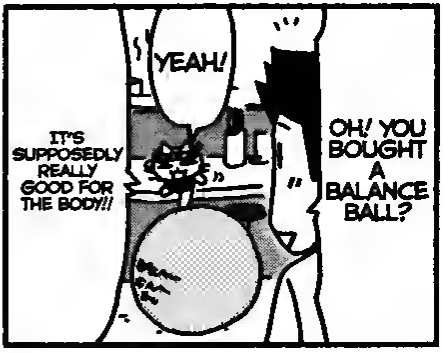
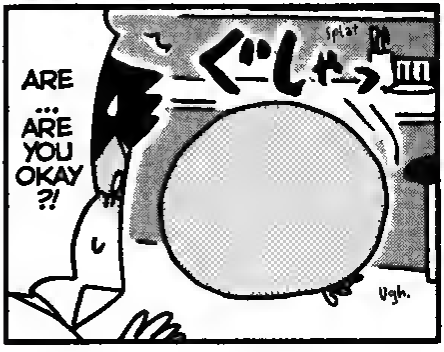






Other Days

Every day of the month that ends with a **five** is...

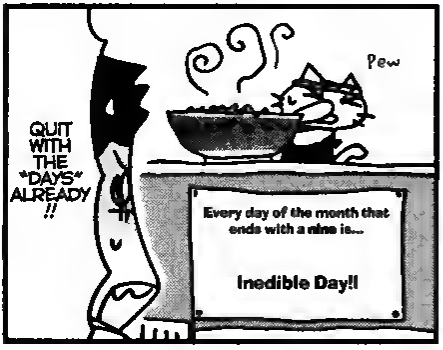
Deception Day!!

Every day of the month that ends with a **six** is...

Cursed Day!!

Every day of the month that ends with a **seven** is...

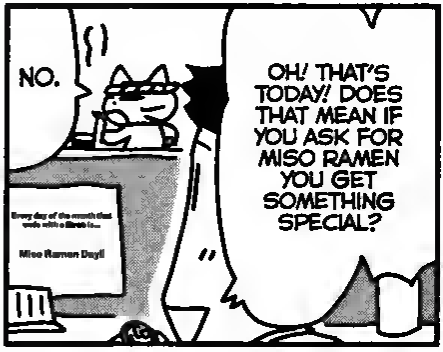
Nothing Day!!

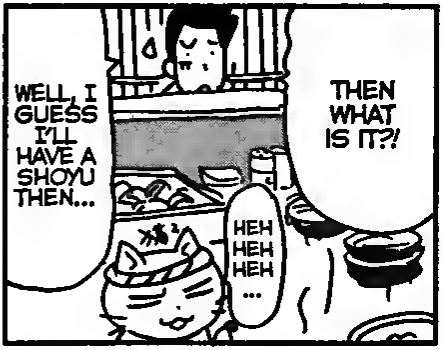


Miso Ramen Day

Every day of the month that ends with a **three** is...

Miso Ramen Day!!


NO.
Every day of the month that ends with a three is...
Miso Ramen Day!!
OH! THAT'S TODAY! DOES THAT MEAN IF YOU ASK FOR MISO RAMEN YOU GET SOMETHING SPECIAL?



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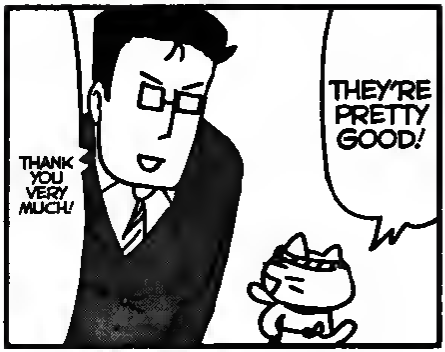
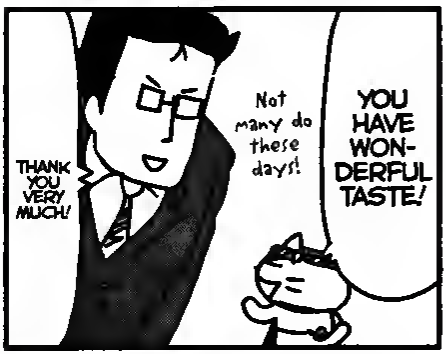
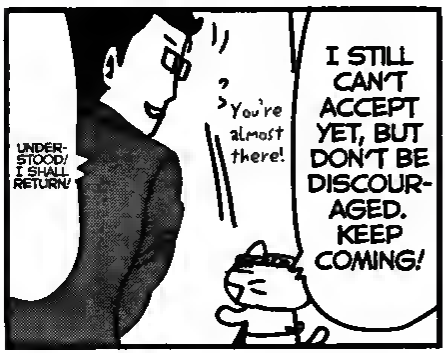
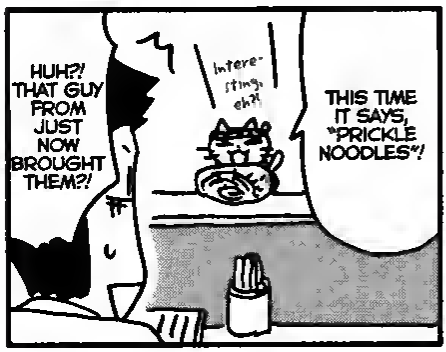
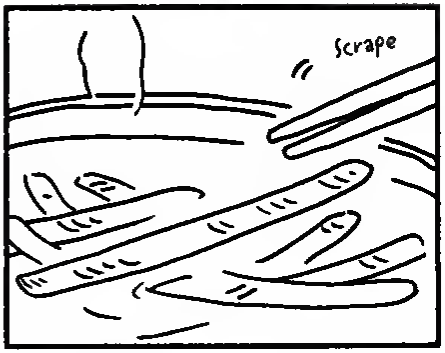


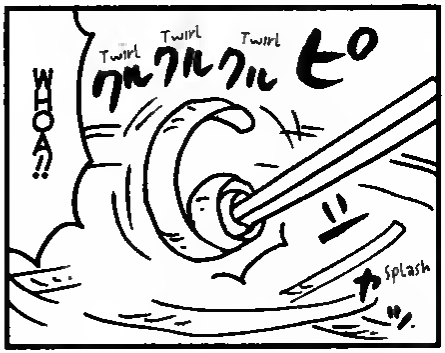


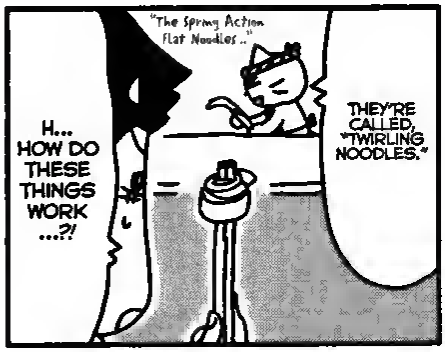


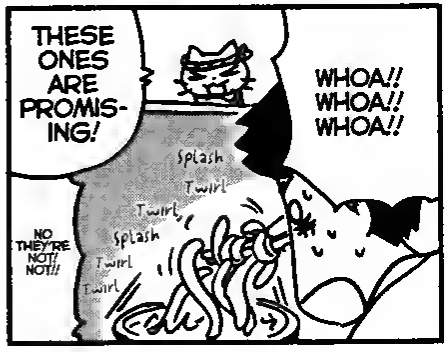


Twirling Noodles



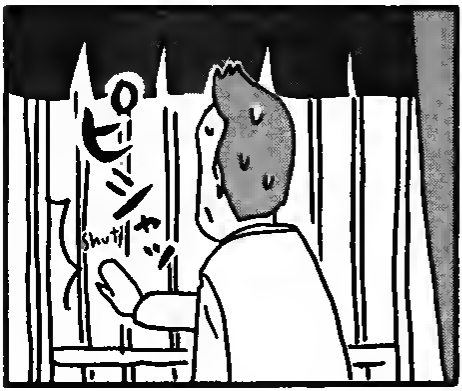


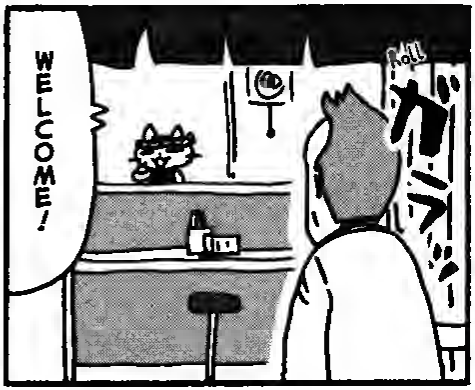


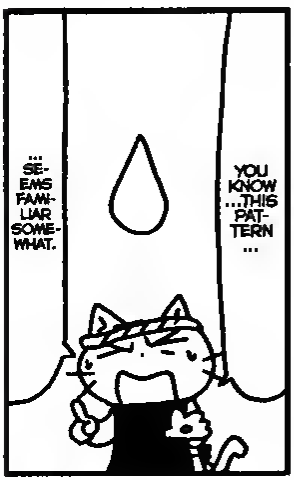


Bicycle
Discarded Cards
OH SORRY.
BICYCLE COMING THROUGH!
...YOU DISCARD THEM!
WHEN YOU COMPLETE A MATCHING PAIR OF CARDS...
HUH?! TAISHO ?!
YO!
THERE!
Rustle
LIKE THIS ONE AND THIS ONE ...
Vrooom
Ding
Ding
THERE'S A SET!
Rustle
Rustle
THERE'S A SET!
WHO WAS PEDAL-ING?! I NEED TO KNOW!
WHAAAT?!
Rustle Rustle
GOT IT!! LET'S START!
GET IT?!
I'm not going to lose!

OH!


Shut!


WELCOME!


...SEEMS FAMILIAR SOMEWHAT.
YOU KNOW ...THIS PATTERN ...

BECAUSE I'M A CAT?!
WAIT JUST A MOMENT !!!

Short Comic Special

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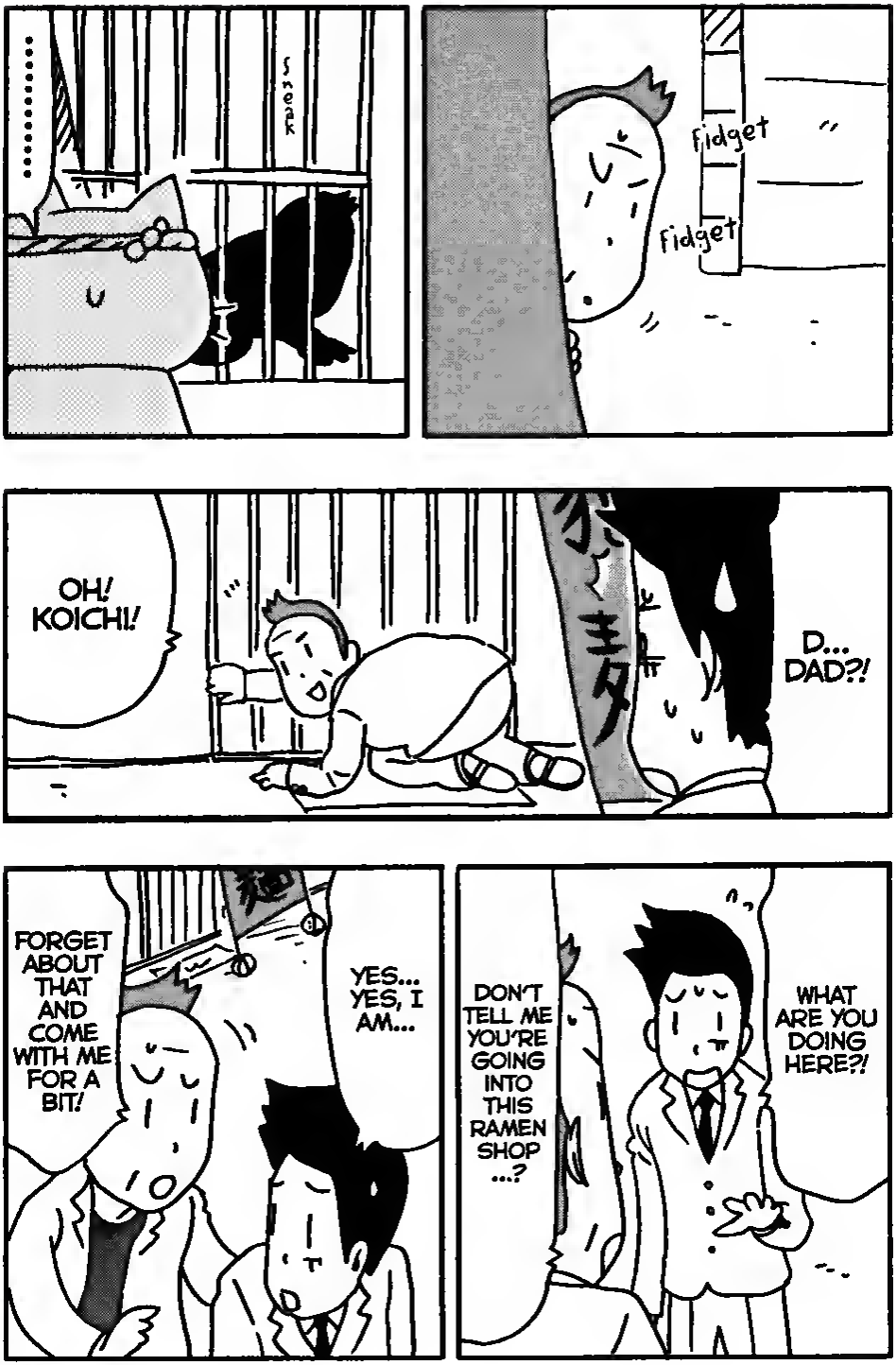
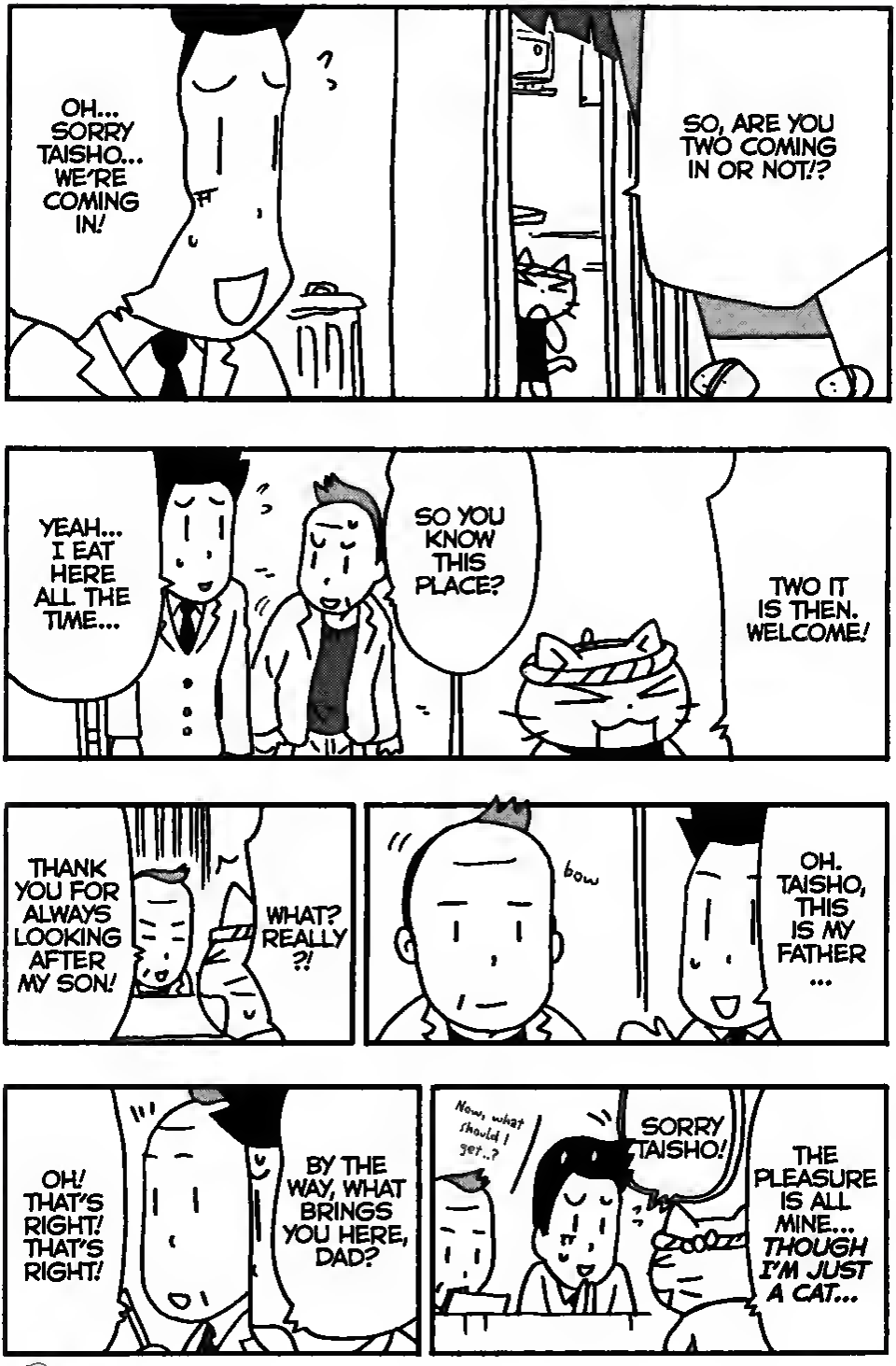
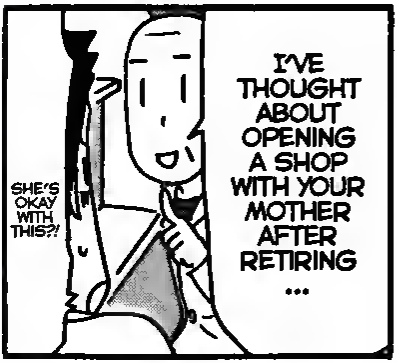
A Father's Dreams


.....
Sneak
Fidget
Fidget
OH! KOICHI!
D... DAD?!
FORGET ABOUT THAT AND COME WITH ME FOR A BIT!
YES... YES, I AM...
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GOING INTO THIS RAMEN SHOP ...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

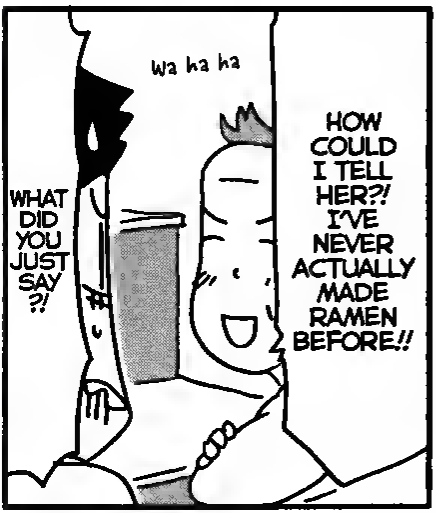
SHH!! NOT SO LOUD!!
HUH?! WHY?!
YOU SHOULDN'T GO IN THERE!
...A CAT!!
GET THIS. THE SHOP-KEEPER IS...
WHAT?!
びっくーん
Gasp
I KNOW...

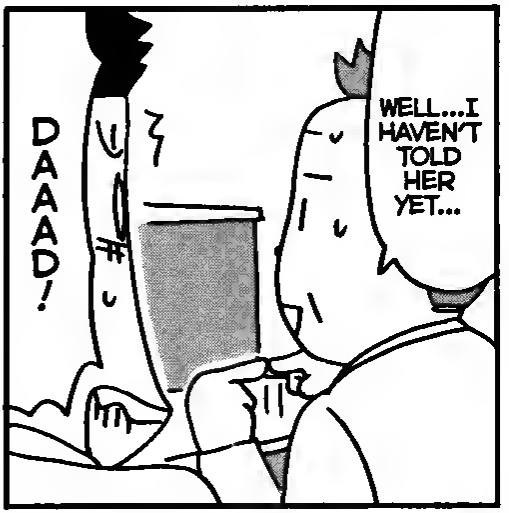

OH... SORRY TAISHO... WE'RE COMING IN!
SO, ARE YOU TWO COMING IN OR NOT!?
YEAH... I EAT HERE ALL THE TIME...
SO YOU KNOW THIS PLACE?
TWO IT IS THEN. WELCOME!
THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS LOOKING AFTER MY SON!
WHAT? REALLY ?!
bow
OH. TAISHO, THIS IS MY FATHER ...
OH! THAT'S RIGHT! THAT'S RIGHT!
BY THE WAY, WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE, DAD?
Now, what should I get..?
SORRY TAISHO!
THE PLEASURE IS ALL MINE... THOUGH I'M JUST A CAT...

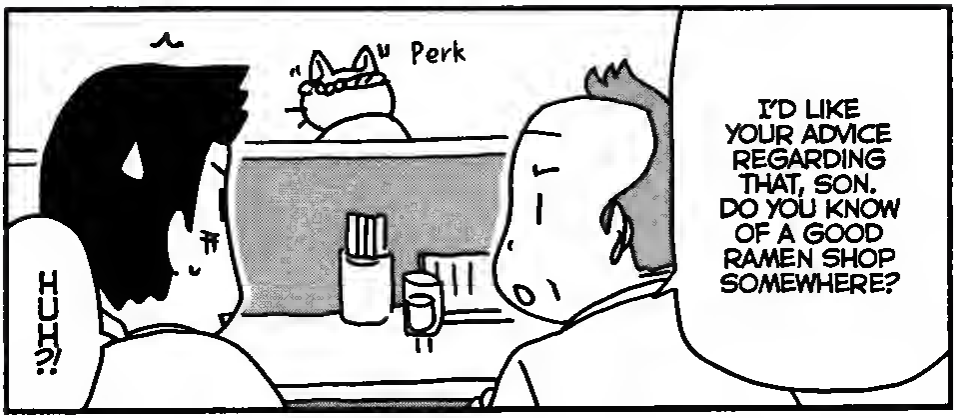
WHAAAT?!
YOU WANT TO OPEN A RAMEN SHOP?!!


I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT OPENING A SHOP WITH YOUR MOTHER AFTER RETIRING ...
SHE'S OKAY WITH THIS?!

YES...IT'S BEEN MY DREAM FOR MANY YEARS...
I'VE NEVER HEARD ABOUT THIS DREAM !!

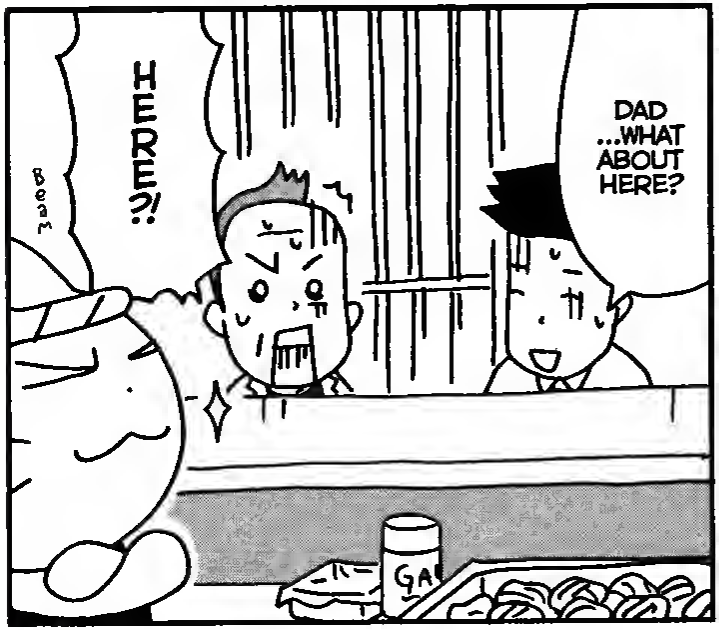

HOW COULD I TELL HER?! I'VE NEVER ACTUALLY MADE RAMEN BEFORE!!
Wa ha ha
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY ?!

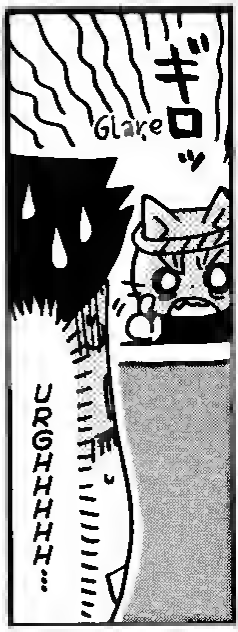

WELL...I HAVEN'T TOLD HER YET...
DAAAD!

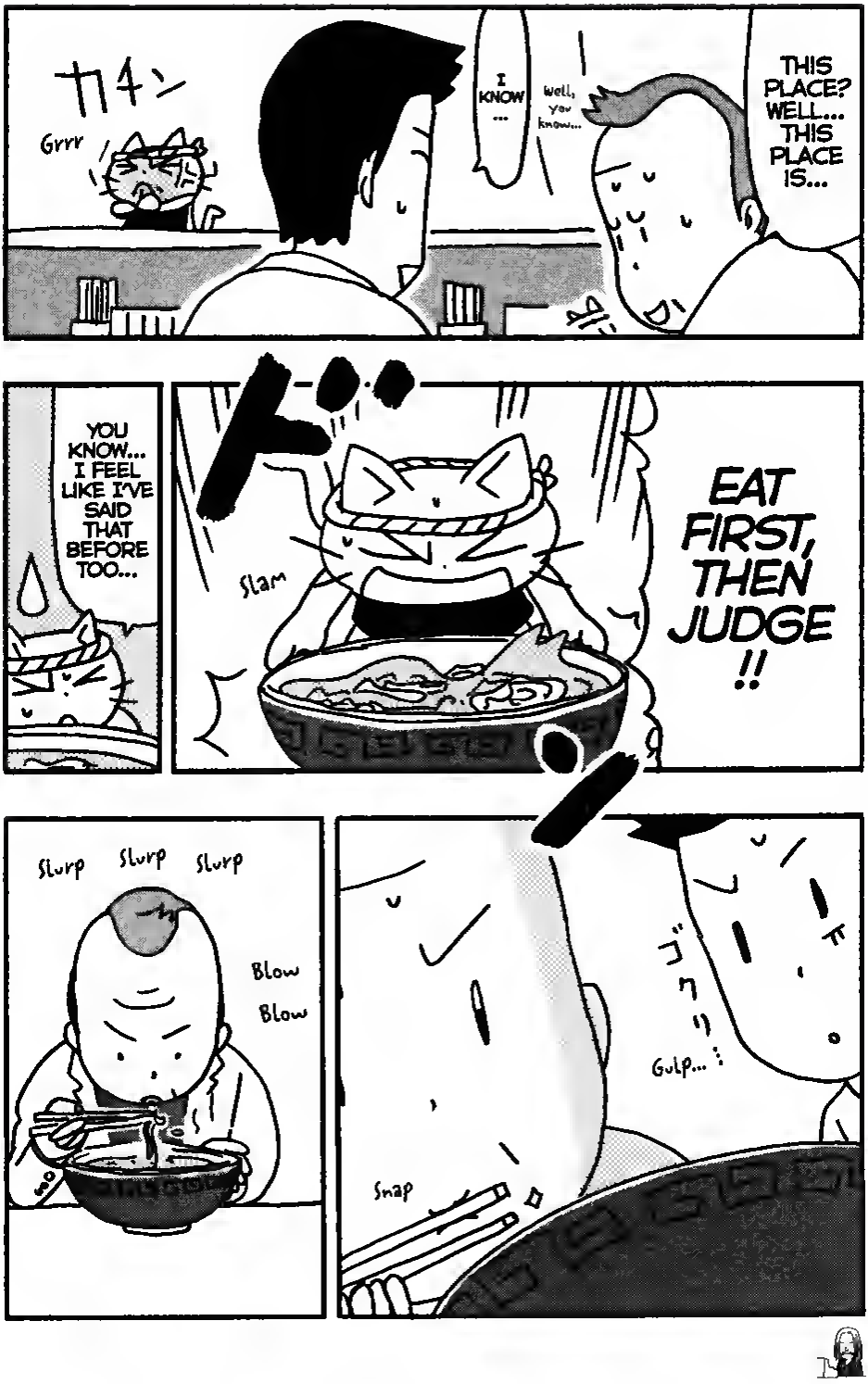

Perk
HUH?!
I'D LIKE YOUR ADVICE REGARDING THAT, SON. DO YOU KNOW OF A GOOD RAMEN SHOP SOMEWHERE?

Point
Point
NO WAY! NO WAY!!

HEY!!
OH ... REALLY ...?
I THOUGHT I'D TRAIN AT A SHOP SOMEWHERE TO STRENGTHEN MY ABILITY AND THEN SURPRISE YOUR MOTHER!


HERE?!
Bean
DAD ...WHAT ABOUT HERE?
GA


ギロッ
Glare
URGHHHHH...

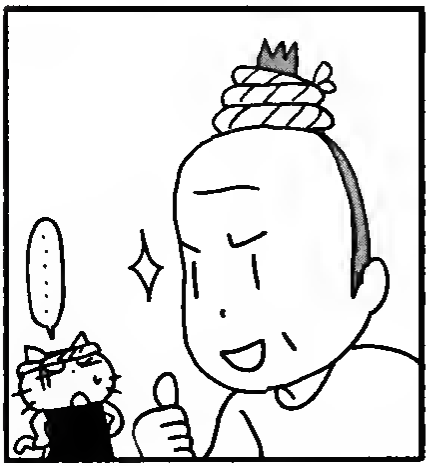

カチン
Grrr
I KNOW ...
well, you know...
THIS PLACE? WELL... THIS PLACE IS...
YOU KNOW... I FEEL LIKE I'VE SAID THAT BEFORE TOO...
Slam
EAT FIRST, THEN JUDGE !!
Slurp Slurp Slurp
Blow Blow
Gulp...
Snap

HUUUH?!
Slurp
Slurp
Slurp
IT'S DE-LICIOUS!!
YES?!
ビシッ
MASTER!!
NO...I JUST...
WHY ARE YOU SURPRISED, TAISHO?!
SERIOUSLY?!
OF... COURSE!
I PLACE MYSELF IN YOUR HANDS!
COULD IT BE THAT HE GOT IT RIGHT...?
Slurp Slurp...
NOPE, IT'S THE SAME...

STARTING THEN, MY FATHER AND TAISHO BEGAN A SPECIAL INTENSIVE TRAINING REGIMEN.

あう
Muffle
あう..
Muffle

ぎゅうう..
Squeeeeze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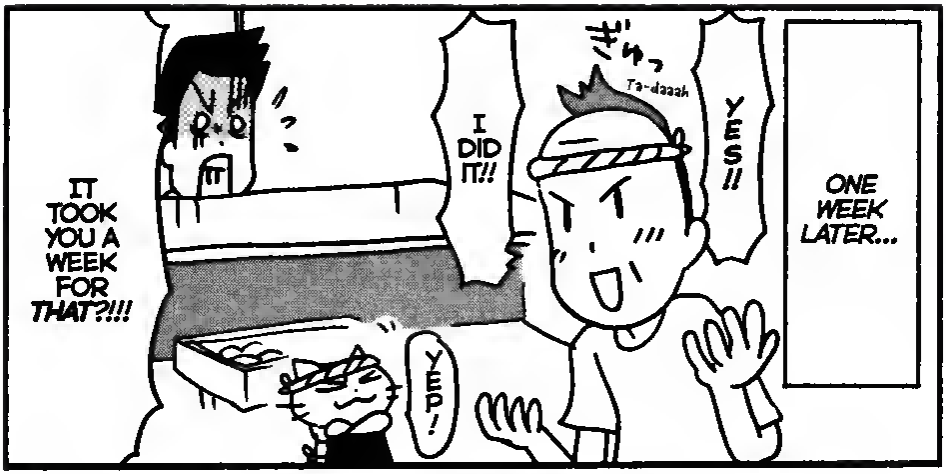
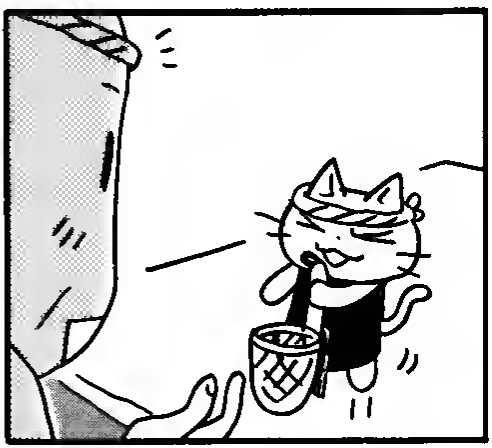
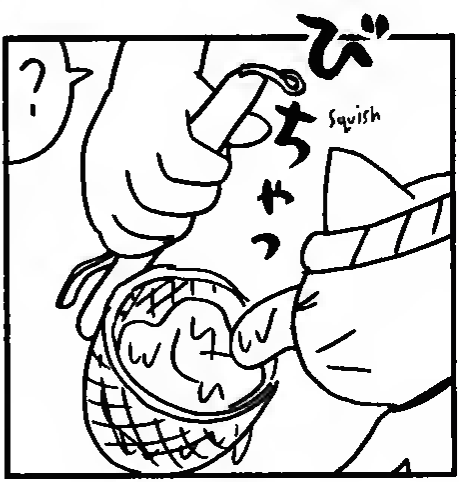
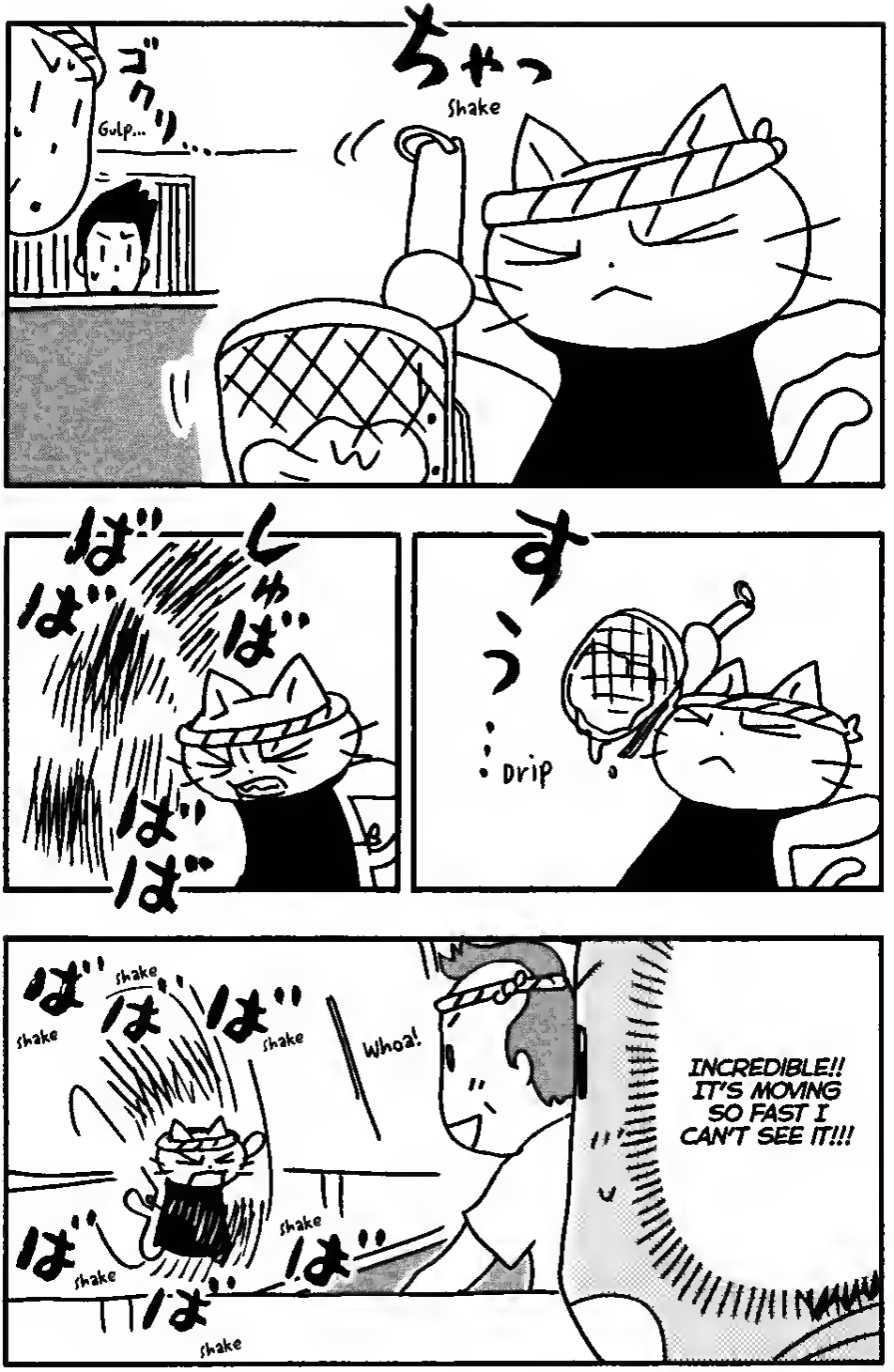

IT TOOK YOU A WEEK FOR THAT?!!!
I DID IT!!
Ta-daaah
YES!!
ONE WEEK LATER...
YEP!

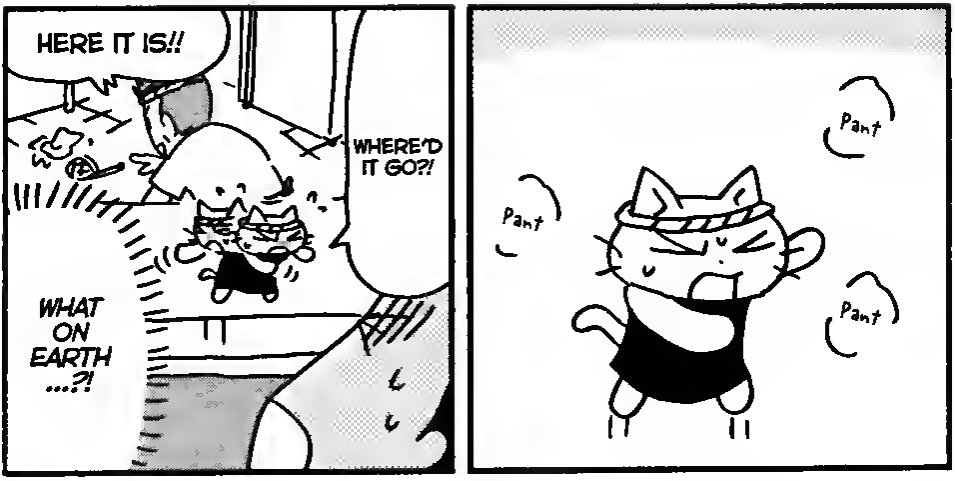
じゃばー
Scrub
Whap
Whap

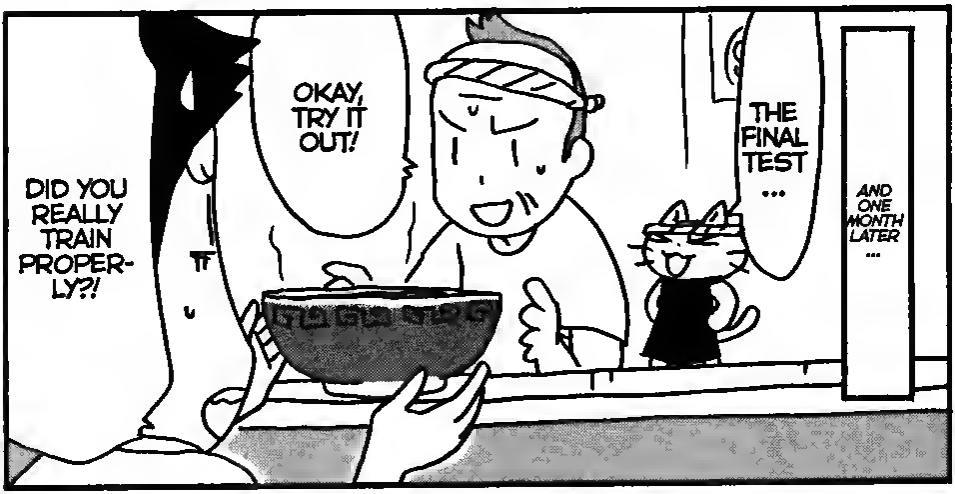


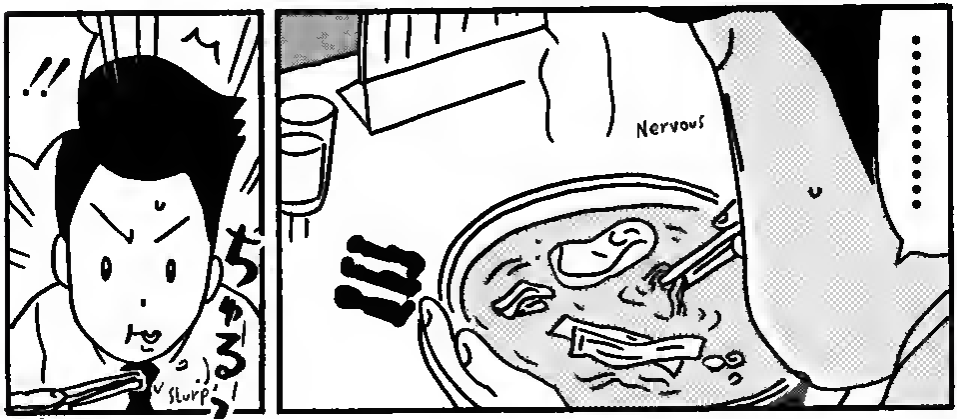
ちゃっ
Splish
Shake Shake
ちゃっ
Splash

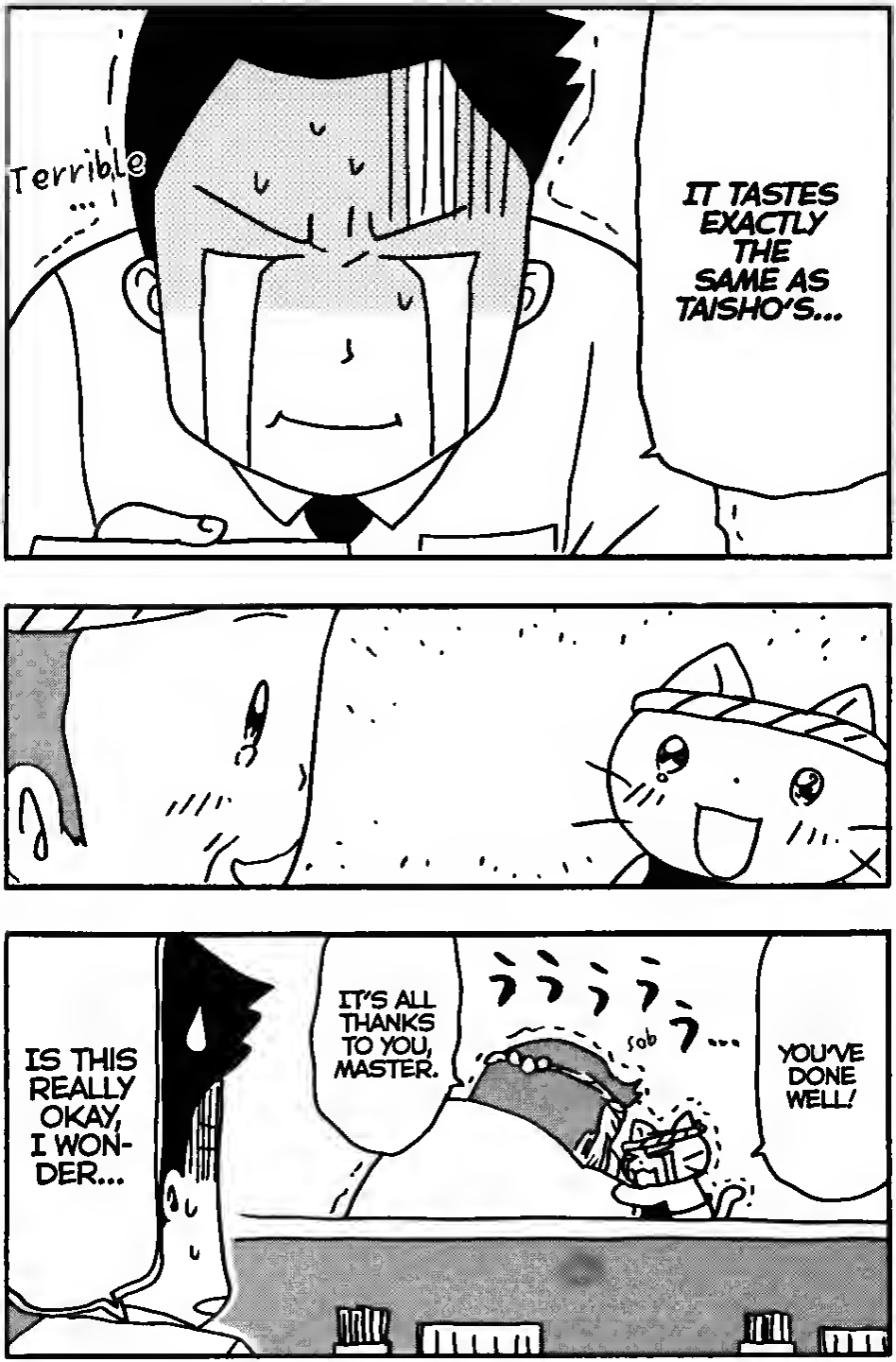

?
びちゃっ
Squish

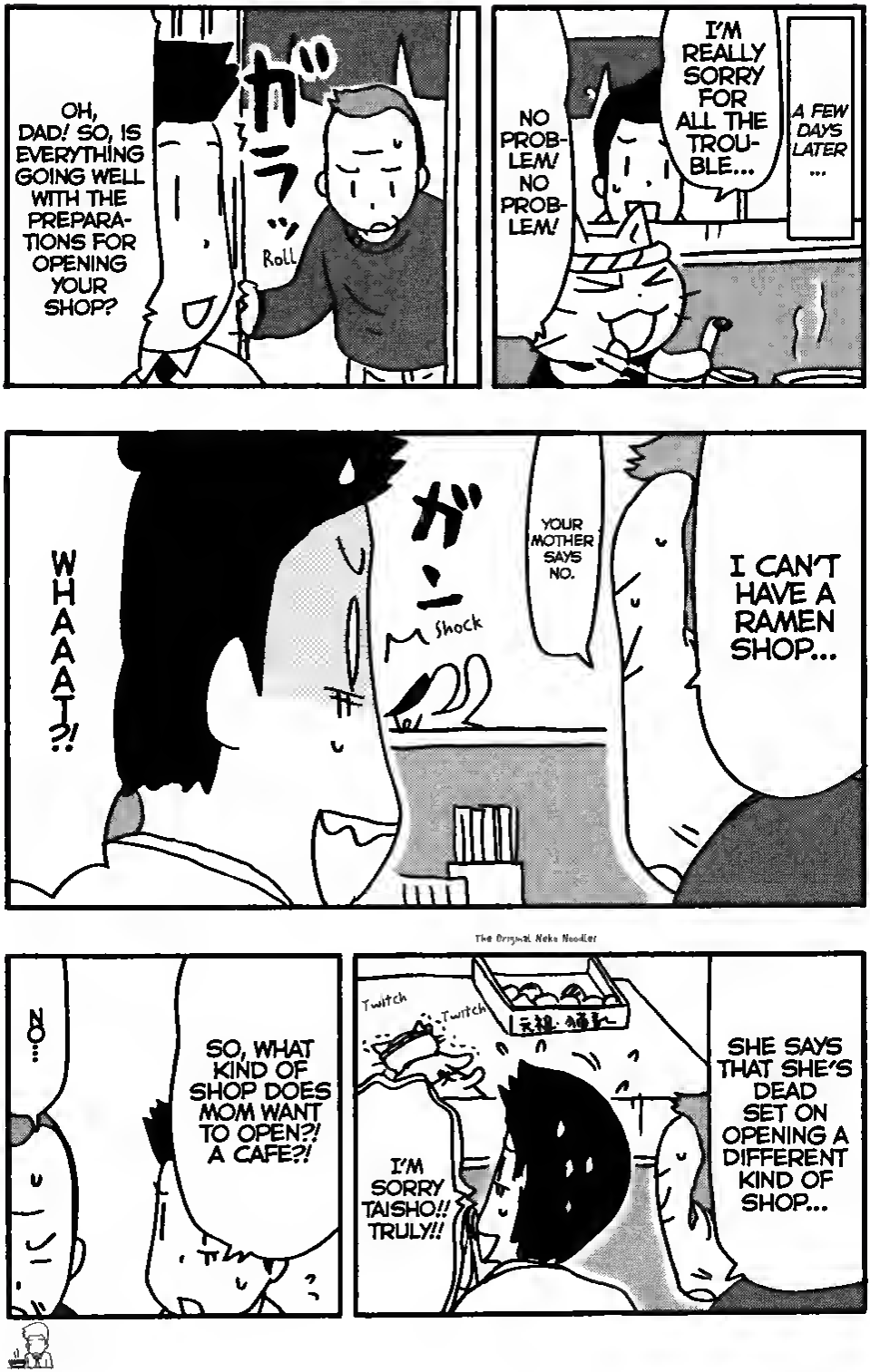

ゴクリ
Gulp...
ちゃっ
Shake
すう
Drip
ばばばbaba
Whoa!
INCREDIBLE!! IT'S MOVING SO FAST I CAN'T SEE IT!!!

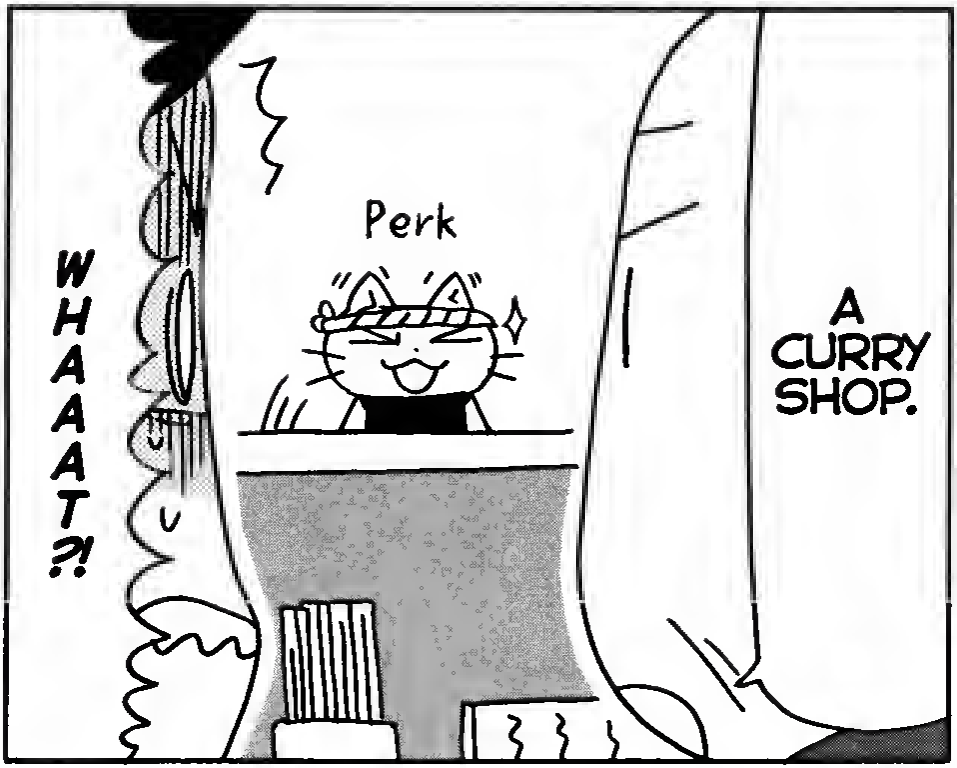

HERE IT IS!!
WHERE'D IT GO?!
WHAT ON EARTH ...?!
Pant
Pant
Pant


DID YOU REALLY TRAIN PROPER-LY?!
OKAY, TRY IT OUT!
THE FINAL TEST ...
AND ONE MONTH LATER ...

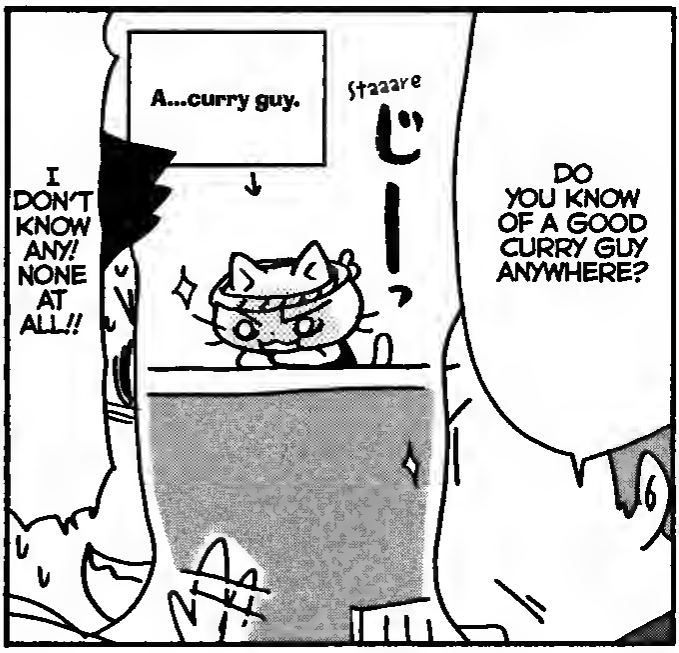

!!
Slurp
Nervous

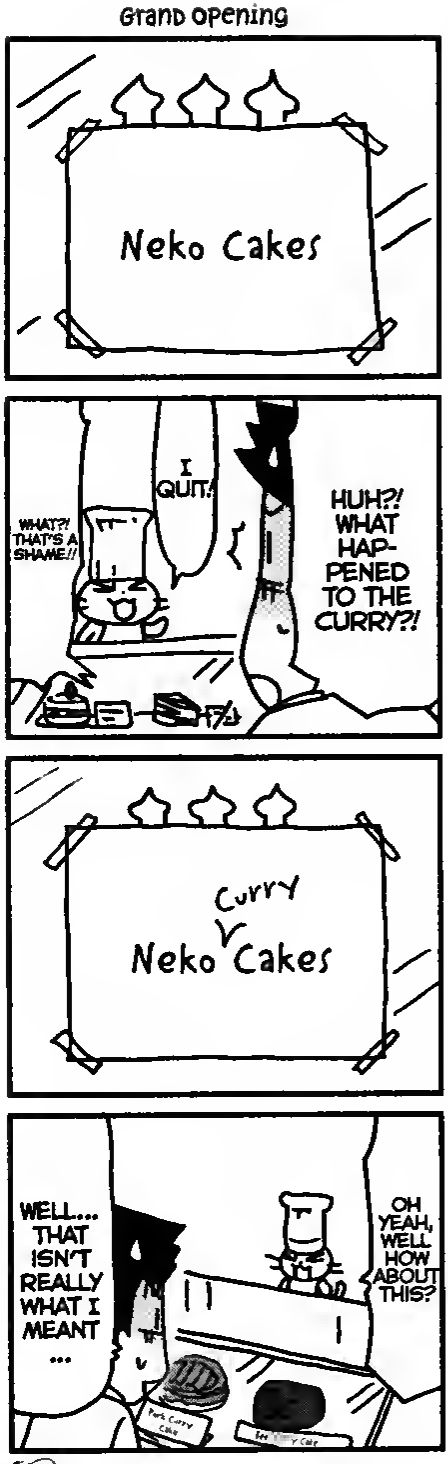

Terrible...
IT TASTES EXACTLY THE SAME AS TAISHO'S...
IS THIS REALLY OKAY, I WONDER...
IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU, MASTER.
sob
YOU'VE DONE WELL!


OH, DAD! SO, IS EVERYTHING GOING WELL WITH THE PREPARATIONS FOR OPENING YOUR SHOP?
ガラッ
Roll
A FEW DAYS LATER...
I'M REALLY SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLE...
NO PROBLEM! NO PROBLEM!
I CAN'T HAVE A RAMEN SHOP...
YOUR MOTHER SAYS NO.
ガーン
Shock
WHAAAT?!
SO, WHAT KIND OF SHOP DOES MOM WANT TO OPEN?! A CAFE?!
NO...
SHE SAYS THAT SHE'S DEAD SET ON OPENING A DIFFERENT KIND OF SHOP...
Twitch
Twitch
I'M SORRY TAISHO!! TRULY!!


WHAAAT?!
Perk
A CURRY SHOP.

Right! First, you sauté the onions until they're amber brown.
We're in your hands.

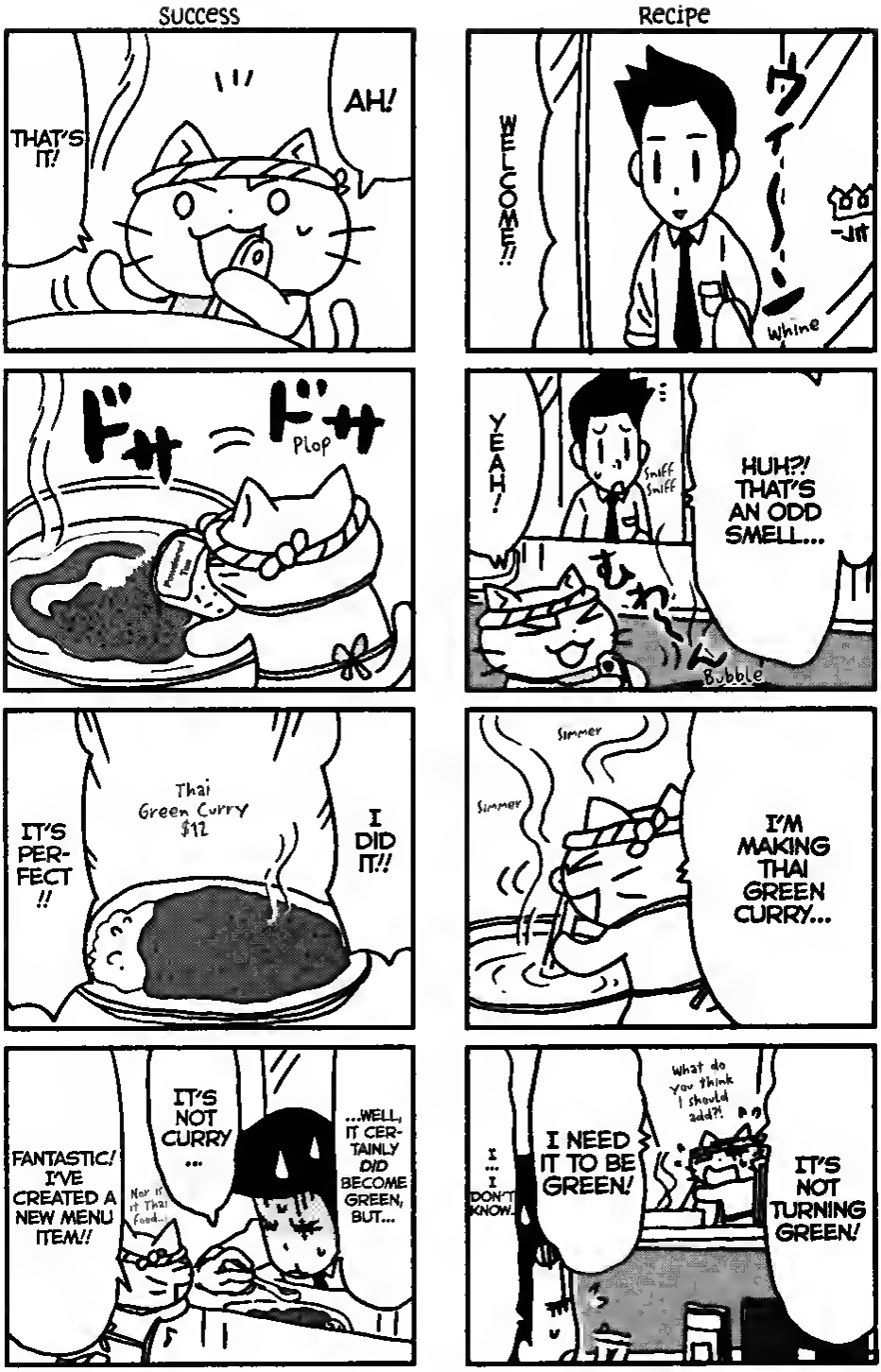

A...curry guy.
Staaare
じ！
I DON'T KNOW ANY! NONE AT ALL!!
DO YOU KNOW OF A GOOD CURRY GUY ANYWHERE?



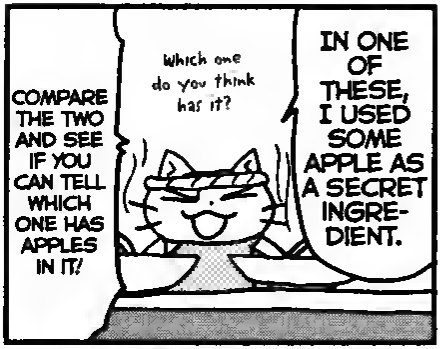
猫ラーメンの猫カレー

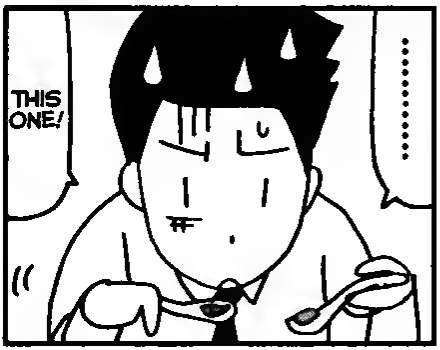
Neko Ramen's Neko Curry

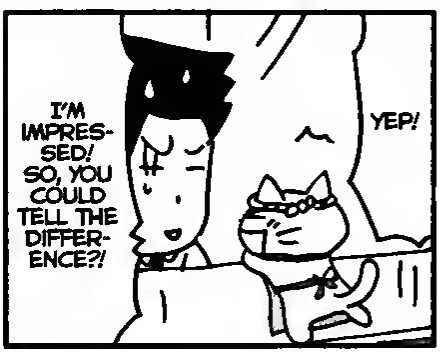
Chapter 3

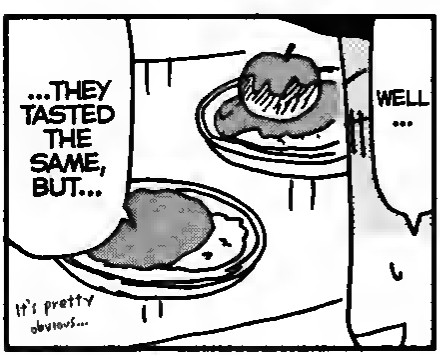

Success
Recipe
THAT'S IT!
AH!
WELCOME!!
ウィーン
-JR-
Whine
ドサ
Plop
ドサ
YEAH!
Sniff Sniff
HUH?! THAT'S AN ODD SMELL...
むわ～ん
Bubble
IT'S PER-FECT !!
Thai Green Curry $12
I DID IT!!
Simmer
Simmer
I'M MAKING THAI GREEN CURRY...
FANTASTIC! I'VE CREATED A NEW MENU ITEM!!
IT'S NOT CURRY ...
Nor is it Thai Food...
...WELL, IT CERTAINLY DID BECOME GREEN, BUT...
I ... I DON'T KNOW.
I NEED IT TO BE GREEN!
What do you think I should add?!
IT'S NOT TURNING GREEN!

Secret Ingredient

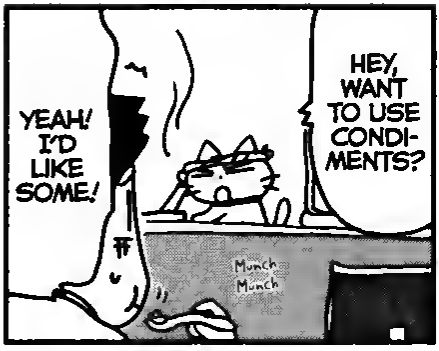

COMPARE THE TWO AND SEE IF YOU CAN TELL WHICH ONE HAS APPLES IN IT!
Which one do you think has it?
IN ONE OF THESE, I USED SOME APPLE AS A SECRET INGREDIENT.

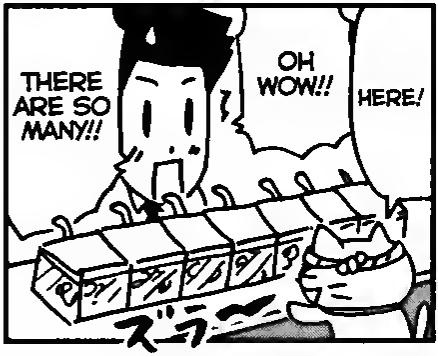


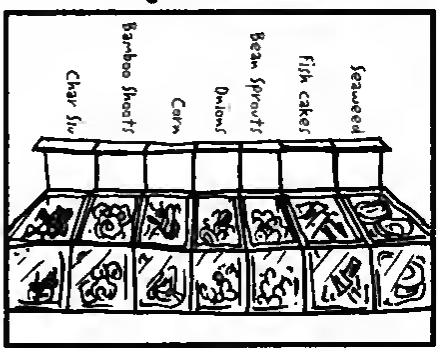


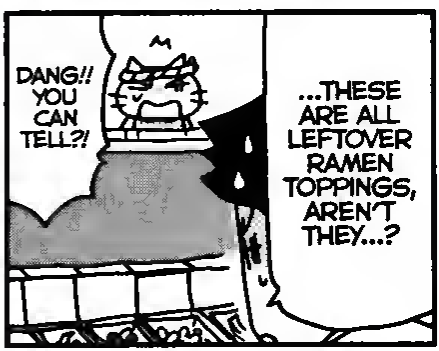


Condiments

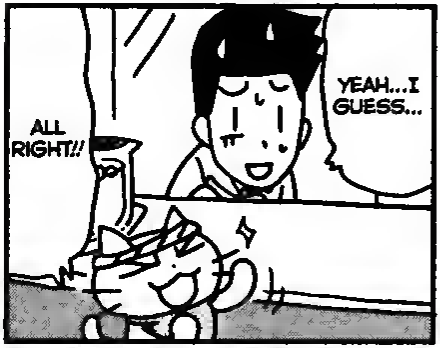


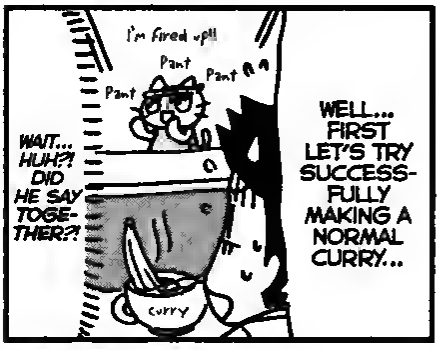




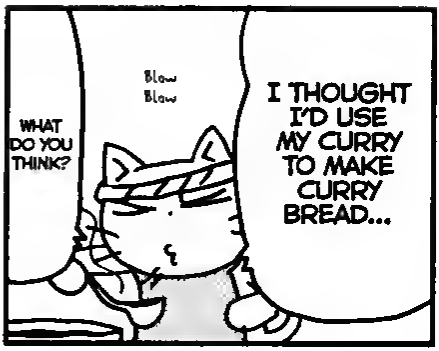


Together

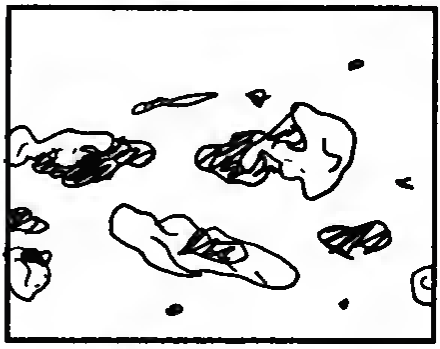


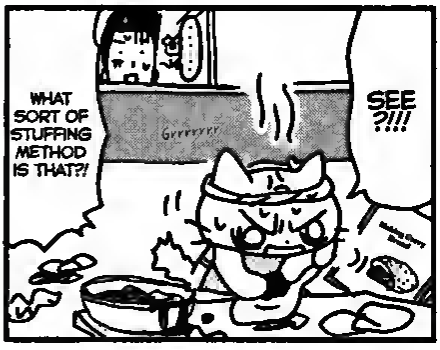


Curry Bread



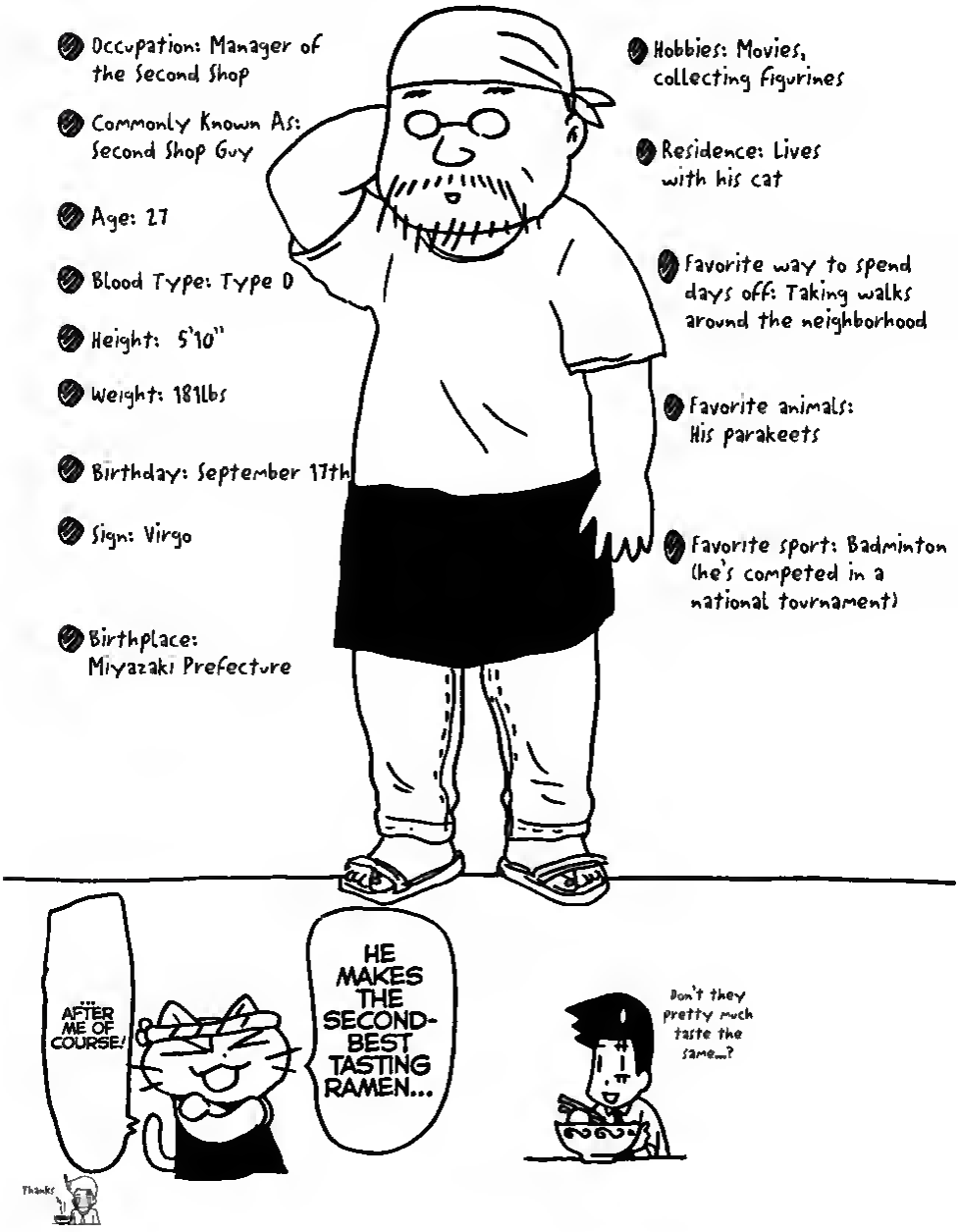
WELL, ACHIEVING THE RIGHT BALANCE BETWEEN THE CURRY AND THE BREAD IS DIFFI-CULT...
I wonder if they'll go well together
WELL ...I'M NOT REALLY SURE ...





THIS IS THE SECOND SHOP GUY!!

- Occupation: Manager of the Second Shop
- Commonly Known As: Second Shop Guy
- Age: 27
- Blood Type: Type O
- Height: 5'10"
- Weight: 181lbs
- Birthday: September 17th
- Sign: Virgo
- Birthplace: Miyazaki Prefecture
- Hobbies: Movies, collecting figurines
- Residence: Lives with his cat
- Favorite way to spend days off: Taking walks around the neighborhood
- Favorite animals: His parakeets
- Favorite sport: Badminton (he's competed in a national tournament)



And...

THIS IS TAISHO'S FATHER!!

- Real Name: William Thomas Jefferson II
- Breed: American Shorthair (A champion)
- Blood Type: Type A
- Birthplace: The Continental U.S.
- Birthday: November 11th
- Custom made ribbon from a super famous brand (Has 300 of them)
- Occupation: Super Cat Model (Has contracts with more than ten companies)
- Residence: Lives in the penthouse of a super high-rise apartment building with his wife and manager.
- Father and mother are both All-American champions (They reside in California)
- Hobbies: Cruising and grooming
- Sports: Good at everything
- Specialty: Catwalks